

The Rose Window

Rosendale Library Newsletter

Summer/Fall 2009

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Children's Summer Reading Program

Thursdays this summer will be filled with laughter, fun, music, games and interactive projects at the Rosendale Library. Recognizing that literacy opens the door to a lifetime of learning, the Summer Reading Program offers children from pre-school through middle school the opportunity to learn, be creative and just have fun with other children!



The Library Summer Reading Kickoff is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 11 am. *Rainbow the Magical Clown* will add to the fun on this day. **Pre-schoolers will meet Thursday mornings from 9:30am – 11am; school age children will meet Thursdays from 12 noon to 1:30pm.** If you missed the initial registration day on Friday, June 12, children can still sign up at the library. The themes for this year's programs are *Express Yourself @ Your Library* and *Be Creative @ Your Library*. One of many highlights will be a **Solargram Workshop, Images from the Sun** with Jone Miller, on August 19th, 12 noon – 2:00pm.

The library summer program includes several additional activities at the Rosendale Community Center:

***Broom Making with Brian Joiner** from the Ashokan Campus.

July 9th, 2:30pm,
Recreation Center Pavilion

***Family Concert with Jay Mankita**

July 16th, 6:30 pm,
Recreation Center Pavilion

***Fun Family Folk Tales & Tunes with Laurie**

August 5th, 6:30 pm,
Recreation Center Pavilion

Come and join the fun!

Stewart's Grant for Library's Summer Program

For the third year, our Summer Reading Program has been the recipient of a Stewart's Shop Holiday Matching Grant, this year in the amount of \$450. This grant is specifically directed to children under age 18 in the geographic area where the shops are located and where the money is raised.

These three grants have made possible some wonderful programs that are always well attended and greatly enjoyed by the participants in our Summer Reading Program.

Thanks also to Ann Van Damm, Summer Reading Program Director, for her work in getting these grants, and to those in our community who contributed to the Stewart's Holiday Matching Fund.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Rosendale Information Kiosk

The Rosendale Town Information Kiosk, located on the library grounds, is proving to be a very useful resource for both visitors to the area and local residents. Spearheaded by the Rosendale Chamber of Commerce, the Kiosk was the Eagle Scout project of James Newman of Hardenburgh Avenue, Tillson. Achieving Eagle Scout rank carries a special significance since only about five percent of scouts do so. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.



James, a Troop 17 Tillson/Rosendale scout, organized a car wash to raise all funds for the Kiosk construction. With the car washing help of the other scouts in Troup 17, and the guidance of former Scout Master Mike Harrison – James’s mentor for most of his scouting time - James successfully planned, organized, led and managed this extensive service project. With donations from individuals and Rosendale businesses, James also took on the job of determining the design of the colorful signs on the Kiosk.

The Friends of the Rosendale Library congratulate James Newman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout while adding a new dimension to the library as the central source of information for our community.

**We would like to recognize and thank our
business supporters:**

Emmanuel’s Marketplace

and

Ulster Savings Bank

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

11:00 am - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Friday

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Thank You

The Friends of the Rosendale Library are grateful to the family and many friends of Julia Lewis who recently made donations to the library in honor and memory of Julia. Mrs. Lewis, who passed away this spring, lived in Tillson Estates for over fifty years. Always a library patron, she also worked as an Election Inspector at the annual library budget and Board vote. Her daughter and son chose the library as a most fitting way to honor their late mother, a long time library supporter. The Friends are grateful to Mrs. Lewis and her family.



The Dutch in the Valley of the Roses

Rosendale owes much to its settlers of Dutch origin. Find out what our early Dutch settlers left behind for us in houses, place names and more. An exhibit, in celebration of the 400th anniversary celebration of Henry Hudson’s voyage to the New World and the Dutch settlement of our area is on the table near the local history collection. A bibliography of related books is available at the display and on our website. For any questions or additional information (to give or to receive) please contact Linda Tantillo.



Linda Tantillo assists a library patron.

Library Budget Vote and Election of Library Trustees

The annual voter referendum on the library budget and Board of Trustees will take place in the library on Thursday, September 3rd from 11:00am to 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots can be obtained at the library prior to September 3rd. **The proposed 2009-2010 budget will be available for review at the library by mid-August.** On the 3rd the library will remain open for business on the normal Thursday schedule (11am – 7:30pm). Please support your library by voting.

New In Town?

by Natalie Wargin, Library Trustee

So here you are, a new resident out in the sticks. That's where I found myself one short year ago. A sister in Stone Ridge but no other friends to speak of and neighbors not close like in the big city I'd left. How do you meet people and become part of a new community? The library was part of the answer for me. Who doesn't love the library and conveniently there are a number of ways you can get involved. Joining The Friends of Libraries is one option, becoming a Library Board member another. I became a member of the Rosendale Library Board. It's been a great experience so far. I'm doing something constructive with like-minded people. I even have a monthly column in the Blue Stone Press: *Notes From a Library Addict*. Maybe you've seen it. Why, just last week someone told me they thought it was the best thing in the Blue Stone. Now, I'm not saying you'll find fame like I have when you help your library but you never know.

If you are interested in supporting your library by becoming a member of the Board of Trustees please contact Library Director Wendy Alexander, 658-9013.

You can join the Friends of the Library by joining us at our monthly meeting (4th Wednesday at 7pm) or by contacting Ann Sarrantonio at 658-9013.

Library Trustees

Robert Sena, <i>President</i>	John Schwartz, <i>VP</i>
Nancy Hertzig, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	
Toby Eisman	Mike Hines
William Pape	Natalie Wargin
Carl Welden	Craig Zisman

Your Library –“Priceless”

- ❖ The Rosendale Library saved the people of our community over \$661,080 in 2008 by loaning books, movies and other items.
- ❖ The Rosendale Library saved family entertainment dollars by offering fifty-one free program sessions for a savings of \$6,624.
- ❖ The Rosendale Library saved the people of the Rosendale community in excess of \$75,600 by providing eight public access computers with Internet access.
- ❖ The Rosendale Library provided over \$743,304 in total savings in 2008. Of equal importance, the Rosendale Library, the heart, soul and center of information for our community, provided endless hours of reading pleasure for our community. “Priceless!”



Support Your Library Vote

September 3rd 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Books to Kenya Orphans

Over seventy pounds of children's books from the Friends of Rosendale Library Bookcellar were recently donated to the **New Hope Children's Center** in Uplands Kenya. The books were personally delivered to the orphanage in April 2009 by Michael Hughes, the restorer of the library roof, and four members of the Mid-Hudson Christian Church in Wallkill. For over ten years the church has been supportive of the orphanage that houses approximately 120 girls and 30 boys, ages two to seventeen years. Many of the children's parents have died of AIDS; others were abandoned because their families could not afford to feed them.

Every Saturday people from miles around come to the orphanage to be given a small sliver of soap and ½ bag of corn meal – their food for the week. Everything given the New Hope Children's Center is enormously appreciated and put to good use.

Thanks to the Rosendale community's donation of books to the Book Cellar, the Friends will continue to send books to the orphanage. When you visit the library be sure to look at the pictures of the children and the joy these books brought. The smile on 2 ½ year old BoBo in the front row says it all!



Library Book Repairs ***-- Do Not Try This At Home!***

While we appreciate the thought, please do not try to repair library books that you find have loose pages, loose sections, broken text blocks, etc. Your good intentions, especially when done with tape, can do more harm to the book, and make it much more difficult to repair. The library has a staff person trained to do these repairs. So please just let library staff know if you encounter a problem with a borrowed book. Library books take a fair amount of wear and tear, so the library does not charge a fine for such repairs. (Dropping a book into the bathtub, however, is another story!)

Celebrate the Roof

Lawn Party

On Friday, June 12th, the Friends of the Rosendale Library sponsored a Lawn Party to celebrate the library's new slate roof. Everyone had a great time and especially enjoyed the cookies donated by the Woodcrest Community. Since May of 2008 the Rosendale community has been helping to raise the new roof by making donations of \$50 per tile to match the grant received from the New York State Department of Education for \$67,500. To date the community has raised \$26,000. Grants received through Sen. Bonacic's office in the amount of \$25,000 have also been used to match the New York State Education grant. Since the total price tag for the roof will be \$136,500, this means that the library will use \$17,500 of its own funds. This amount represents only 13% of the total cost of the project.

The Raise the Roof Campaign is scheduled to run through June 30, 2009 and donations in any amount to the roof project continue to be accepted.

The Friends thank the Rosendale Library Community for the great support shown for this enormous project. The beautiful new slate roof will protect the building for the next 150 years.



The Library's new roof.

***National Friends of
Libraries Week
October 18-24, 2009***

Fall 2009 ROSENDALE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The following three informative and interesting programs will be presented at the library this fall:

Cooling Mother Earth: New York's Footprint in Nature, Then & Now **Dr. Robert Spiegelman, NY Council for the Humanities, Wednesday, September 9th, 7 pm**

Are New Yorkers stewards or lords of nature? This vivid lecture/multimedia presentation probes the question by revisiting key moments in the Empire State's development history. Highlights include first encounters of explorers and settlers, the Iroquois and Delaware Lenape of the Hudson Valley, the impact of the Industrial Revolution and finally, the creation of the Adirondack State Park to avoid runaway deforestation. An informative speaker with a great sense of humor, Dr. Spiegelman is back by popular demand.

Lost to History: the Story of Trapps Mountain Hamlet **Bob Larsen Ranger/Naturalist of the Mohonk Preserve, Wednesday, October 14th, 7 pm**

Learn about this isolated hamlet located in the Shawangunk cliffs, home to a hardscrabble, self-reliant community. The Trapps was traveled by the Lenni Lenape and settled during the 1700's with persons bearing names like Van Leuven and Burger. Their economy was based on hunting-and-gathering, blueberry picking, charcoal-making and hoop pole making for barrels carrying Rosendale cement. Bob Larsen goes into fine detail about this lost community whose remnants may still be seen along the Trapps Mountain Hamlet Path, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Pruning and Restoration of Older Trees for the Gardener **Charles P. Blume, NYS ISA Certified Arborist, Wednesday, November 4th, 7pm**

November is the time to ensure the blooms of the coming year. Learn how to care for older cherished trees with Certified Arborist Charles Blume. Growth, maintenance, and the importance of keeping your habitat vital for humans and wildlife friends will be the topics of this informative evening. Q&A period.

The Rosendale Library encourages all residents to participate in these interesting programs. Contact Sue Horowitz for more information.

Scholarship Fund Raiser: Two at Mohonk Mountain House

The Friends of Rosendale Library are selling **raffle tickets** to support the annual \$600 scholarship for graduating high school seniors residing in the library district. The prize is dinner for two at Mohonk Mountain House, including access to the grounds. Tickets are \$5 each. The Friends thank Mohonk Mountain House for this generous donation. If you would like to buy or help sell some tickets please ask at the library desk. The drawing will be held on August 26, 2009 at the library.

In these difficult economic times, scholarship aid is even more important for college students. Please support this effort by purchasing a ticket. The 2009 scholarship recipient will be selected in June.

The 2008 Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns Scholarship recipient Lily Morganstern on a recent visit to the library. Lily has completed her freshman year at Clark University.



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Rosendale Library Coming Events Summer & Fall 2009

- **Children's Summer Reading Program, June, July, and August.** (See page 1 for dates and times of scheduled activities.)
- **Mohonk Mountain Raffle Tickets to support Anna Mae Achmoedy/Lottie Burns Scholarship Fund.** Tickets available June, July, August. Drawing August 26th.
- **Library Budget Vote & Election of Trustees: Thursday, September 3rd, 11:00am – 8:00pm at the library.** Absentee ballots available.
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On-going Activities

- **Preschool Story Hour, Thursdays 9:30am – 10:45am, at the library.**
- **Library Board Meeting, Third Wednesday of each month, 7pm, at the library**
- **Library Friends Meeting, Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7pm, at the library**