

Howe Happenings

David A. Howe Public Library

Winter-Spring 2016

Director's Message: Library Unveils New Long Range Plan

Library trustees, staff members, and representatives of the community recently completed the new 2016-2020 Five Year Strategic Plan. The process, which began in late 2014, was an extremely rewarding experience for everyone involved in the Strategic Planning Committee's work. We gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Library's mission and its multifaceted goals, as well as what is needed to sustain it over the long run. As Library Director, I learned a great deal not only about the Library and its vibrant history, but also about how the Community values and supports it.

We also reaped valuable perspectives from each other. Committee members are all committed to serving the Library in different ways - there are those who have dedicated their professional lives to furthering its cause, those who give of their time to help oversee and safeguard its operations, and those who use its services regularly and are in the best position to say what is working and recommend areas for improvement. Because of the multiplicity of viewpoints, we were able to gain valuable insights into the previous long range plan, begin to brainstorm new ideas, and consider what works and where changes should be made.

Not only does the Library provide a wide variety of materials, services and programs to its patrons, but it is also a meeting place, a location for individuals to read, relax, and learn, and a historic and architectural treasure to Wellsville and Allegany County. Being so many things to so many people requires the Library adopt a broad and sustainable funding strategy. Above all, this will make possi-

ble the realization of all of the other strategic plan areas.

In September and October 2015, a survey of patrons was conducted to gather input on how the Library is succeeding in its overall mission of serving the community. Earlier, a survey was also conducted of Library staff to gather similar input but from the perspective of those serving the public. Questions relating to services, programs, collections, financial considerations, and use and maintenance of the building were included.



From this input and that of the Strategic Planning Committee, the primary focus areas of the new long range plan were developed—sustainable funding, highly qualified staff, library collections, programs, technology, youth services, and the facility. These areas encapsulate that which is required to provide excellent services to the community, as well as ensuring that the Library remains relevant and viable over the long term.

It came as no surprise that the number one concern of patrons and staff was the safeguarding of the Library building, widely commented upon as Wellsville's primary architectural treasure. The facility is a continual challenge to maintain and preserve. Therefore, the Committee

felt it was critical to establish a sound financial strategy to strengthen not only Library services, programs and collections, but the long-term viability of the building itself.

In recent years, the Library has embarked on major building projects including the restoration of the Nancy Howe Auditorium, the reopening of the back terrace, replacement of old doors and windows, and most recently the replacement of the 60 year old boiler system with an energy-efficient system. These measures were accomplished through grants, capital campaigns, limited use of the endowment, and utilization of low-interest loans. In addition, the community passed, by a wide majority, a tax increase in 2012 that put the Library on a more solid financial footing. Looking forward, the Library must continue to use these funding tools wisely and develop new and creative ways to meet the expense of maintaining and preserving the building.

The long-range plan serves as a guide to aid the Library in fulfilling its mission. We will be better prepared for changes taking place culturally, technologically and fiscally by anticipating opportunities and challenges ahead of time, and having a plan in place for how the Library will meet them. The plan will be released to the public on January 4, 2016. Print copies will be available at the Library and a link to the plan will be available on the Library's website. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Library and for providing us with valuable feedback that helps us to continually improve.

Michelle LaVoie, Director

Free Concerts in the Auditorium

Potsdam Pointercounts
A Cappella Invitational
Hosted by WAVE
Friday, Jan. 8th at 7:30 pm



This award-winning a cappella male singing group has become a premiere performing group on the SUNY Potsdam Campus. WAVE and other local high school groups will join to present an evening of a cappella music. Not to be missed!

Emerald Isle Irish Band *
Irish & Scottish Heritage
Thurs., March 10th at 7 pm

This western New York-based trio mixes traditional and contemporary Irish, nautical, and Scottish songs and instruments with humor and storytelling. A favorite at the Nancy Howe Auditorium, they bring a variety of instruments including banjo, accordion, guitar, penny whistle, mandolin, fiddle, harmonica, spoons and bone.

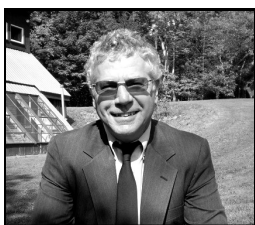


Andover Ecumenical Choir
Lenten Program
In March at 7 pm (exact date to be determined)

Alfred State College
Statesmen Jazz Ensemble
& Alfred State Voices
Mon., March 28th at 7 pm

Jazz Ninjas *
Jazz Trio
Thursday, Jan. 21st at 7 pm

Pianist / vocalist Peter O'Connor and his trio, the Jazz Ninjas (Adam Jeffords and Jim O'Connor) will present a program of boogie woogie, swing, blues and country piano. The American roots music from the 1940's, 50's, and 60's and the American greats from that era laid the foundation for the popular music of today. You'll be dancing in your seats or maybe the aisles!



Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi
Jazz Pianists
Monday, March 14th at 7

These renowned jazz pianists will present a virtuoso program of swing and stride at the Howe Auditorium. American Jazz pianist Stephanie Trick is best known as a specialist in the Harlem stride style as well as boogie-woogie and jazz. She is joined by Paolo Alderighi, her husband, a devotee of swing-era pianists such as Teddy Wilson, Erroll Garner, and Earl Hines. See and hear Stephanie and Paolo at www.paoloandstephanie.com



Dennis James *
GLASS-ICAL MUSICK
Thursday, Feb. 11th at 7 pm

This concert is a witty survey of the complete history of glass music focusing on the development of Benjamin



Franklin's glass armonica. Major composers such as Mozart, and von Beethoven composed specifically for this instrument. This illustrated concert will combine music with scientific, cultural, and historical aspects. The audience can also participate with water-tuned glasses in a harmonic choir.

After Jack *
Hot Folk
Thursday, April 7th at 7 pm



Steeped in the sound and traditions of the mountains, the group shares Appalachian roots and bring the background of bluegrass, traditional folk and a more contemporary sound to make their unique music. Their arrangements are based around the three part harmonies and blend elements of old-time, gospel, folk, country, and bluegrass into their high energy performance.

The concerts and programs with an * are funded in part by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Regrant Program with support from Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature and administered by the Cattaraugus County Arts Council.

We also thank the Friends of the David A. Howe Public Library for their contributions toward funding programs in the Auditorium.

Peregrine Road *
Duo of Piano & Accordion
Thursday, April 21st at 7

Peregrine Road is composed of two seasoned and versatile musicians, Rachel Bell and Karen Axelrod, who are capable of an amazing range of styles. The duo will fill the evening with energetic Celtic reels, waltzes, French dance tunes, American folk melodies, English country dances and more. Travel stories and tidbits about multicultural traditions will add an entertaining dimension to the program. See: www.rachelbellmusic.com



Howe Happenings Highlights

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The Friends of the David A. Howe Library Gave Generously in 2015!

The Friends of the David A. Howe Public Library is a nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to provide support to the David A. Howe Library, through fundraising, helping out at events, and raising public awareness about all that the Library has to offer.

This year, the *Friends* gave nearly \$19,000 to the Library! These generous funds helped pay for programs, books, technology, furniture, and so much more. They also put on receptions at Auditorium events, served hot chocolate during the annual Light up the Night festivities, held a “dinner for 8” raffle to benefit the Library, in addition to many other fun-filled activities.

In October, the *Friends* helped fund a visit by renowned author Joyce Carol Oates, including hosting a reception afterwards which not only raised money for the Library but also included live music, hors d’oeuvres, and a book-signing. The *Friends* end each year with a children’s “Trim-a-Tree” event at the Library. This year it was followed once again by a live performance of *The Nutcracker Ballet* in the Auditorium, for which the *Friends* helped provide funding.

Some of their contributions this year included nearly \$8,000 for Auditorium programs and upgrades; over \$2,500 for children and adult programs, including the Summer Reading Program; \$1,700 for books and other materials for the children and teen collections; and over \$3,700 for the Library’s new technology Makerspace. All of us at the Library wish to extend our deepest gratitude to the *Friends*, including every community member who has donated to their fundraising appeals.



Friends of the David A. Howe Library merchandise is available near the Library’s main desk, including shirts and coffee mugs. A wide selection of merchandise is also available for purchase online at www.cafepress.com/friendsofthedavidahowelibrary. For information on becoming a member, meetings are held in the Library the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm, or call the Library for more information.

Film Schedule

Join us for evening and afternoon movies in our Auditorium. Doors open one half hour before the movie begins. All are welcome and the film is free.

EVENINGS AT 6:45 PM

The Blind Side (2009) PG-13
Monday, January 11th

Mr Holmes (2015) PG
Monday, February 1st

True Grit (2010) PG-13
Monday, February 22nd

MATINEES AT 1:30 PM

On the Beach (1959)
Wednesday, January 20th

The Wizard of Oz (1939)
Wednesday, February 17th

FOREIGN FILMS ON FRIDAYS AT 6:45 PM

Amelie (2001) PG - French / German
Friday, January 15th

Pelle the Conqueror (1988) PG-13
Denmark/ Sweden
Friday, February 19th

Life Is Beautiful (1997) PG-13 - Italy
Friday, March 18th

Bride & Prejudice (2004) PG-13
United States / Great Britain
Friday, April 15th

Movies are made possible through library public performance rights and grant funding

coordinated by the Southern Tier Library System.



News and Activities from the Adult Services Department

Join a Book Club!

In the **Contemporary Classics Book Club** we focus mainly on current, highly regarded fiction. We cast a wide net including award winners and works from both prominent and up-and-coming authors. The Club meets at 12 noon on the third Tuesday of each month. Join us whenever one of the book selections piques your interest. Upcoming discussions:

The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht (1/19/16)

Empire Falls by Richard Russo (2/16/16)

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel (3/15/16)

We meet for the page **Turners Book Club** the first Wednesday of the month at 3 pm in the afternoon. If you are a fan of mysteries and thrillers, then this is the book Club for you. We read a variety of books including series fiction and standalones. Join us anytime the current book sounds interesting to you.

Upcoming discussions:

The Prince of Beverly Hills by Stuart Woods (2/3/16)

Track of the Cat by Nevada Barr (3/2/16)

Rules of Prey by John Sandford (4/6/16)

Are you an adult who enjoys reading Young Adult books but can't find anyone to talk to about them? This is the book club for you! Our **YA for Adults Book Club** will begin in March.

Divergent by Veronica Roth (March)

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell (April)

Outreach at the Library

This year the Adult Services Department has worked to increase our outreach to the community. Our continued partnership with the Wellsville Creative Arts Center and the Manor Hills Assisted Living Residence has seen much success in getting books to those who may not or are unable to come in to the library. We have also continued our work with the Allegany County Jail, providing book donations to help grow a library for those in residence there.



We have also begun a rewarding partnership with the Office for the Aging and Meals on Wheels. Now clients of Meals on Wheels can have books delivered along with their food. To participate, they simply have to communicate their request to the Meals on Wheels

drivers and the library will send books to be delivered the following week. If they do not have a library card, they can also sign up for one using the same process.

We hope to continue to expand these services and cultivate new partnerships throughout the community. Contact Nic Gunning at GunningN@stls.org with questions or suggestions.

Community Lecture Series

Basics of the Civil War

Speaker: Craig Braack

Tuesday, February 16th at 7 pm

From 1861 to 1864, about 3,700 men from Allegany County fought in the Civil War. Craig's illustrated program will cover the basic operations of the war, major battles and campaigns, as well as National Battlefields, National Monuments and Memorials to visit. We'll also discuss some of the results of the war and the effects those results have on us today.

Basics of Backyard Birding in Allegany County

Speaker: Craig Braack

Wednesday, April 13th at 7 pm

In this illustrated talk, Craig will cover what to look for in identifying our common backyard birds, what kind of binoculars to use, basic books on birding, what kind of food is best for our local birds, basics of backyard bird photography and best birding locations in our area. Craig has been an active birder for many years with a life list of over 450 birds. He is an active member of the Allegany County Bird Club.

Programs in the Howe Auditorium are funded by state and private grants and through charitable donations.

To support programs at the auditorium, please send contributions to:

David A. Howe Public Library, Attn: Auditorium Programs,
155 North Main Street, Wellsville, New York 14895.

Check out our website at www.davidahowelibrary.org

Children and Youth Services

Children's Story Time and Activities

The Children's Department will be offering several story times—one or more should fit your schedule! All will have a variety of stories, music, activities, and crafts. No registration is necessary.

Weekly Story Times for Ages 3, 4, & 5 year olds

Begins the week of Jan. 4 -

April 25

Tuesday, 10:30 am

Thursday, 1:00 pm

Story Times - Birth - 2 years

Friday, 10:30 am

Saturday Story Times

10:30 am

These story times will feature stories, music activities, rhymes, crafts and activities with an emphasis on pre-reading skills. Adults caregivers are encouraged to participate.

January 23

February 27

March 26

April 23

Pajama Story Time - 6:30 pm

Join us the second Thursday of each month for Family Story Time. Children can wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal as we listen to some fun bedtime stories, sing songs, and have fun. Adult caregivers are encouraged to participate.

January 14

February 11

March 10

April 14

Lego Club - Every Monday,
3-5 in the Picture Book Room

Minecraft Mondays - Every
Monday, 3 - 5 pm in the
Technology Room for Children
Grades 3 - 8

Teen Programs

This Spring, teen programs will be offered regularly to our patrons. There will be **After School Films**, our regular **After School Tabletop Games** on Wednesdays, and **Craft Days**. We plan to start a regular **Manga Club**, so make sure that you let your interests be known to us!

AFTERSCHOOL MOVIES AT 3:30 PM

Join us for films when school lets out for the day. All are welcome. Films will run every month. January's selections:

Minions (2015) PG
Friday, Jan. 15th

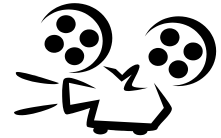
Ant-Man (2015) PG-13
Friday, January 29th



FAMILY MOVIES

Join us for family-friendly movies in the Nancy Howe Auditorium.

Doors open one-half hour before the show.



SATURDAY MORNING FILMS AT 10:30 AM

Inside Out (2015) PG
Saturday, January 16th

Charlotte's Web (2006) G
Saturday, January 30th

The Lego Movie (2015) PG
Saturday, February 20th

Horton Hears a Who! (2008)
G
Saturday, March 19th

Song of the Sea (2014) PG
Saturday, April 16th

SCHOOL BREAK FILM AT 1:30 PM

The Wizard of Oz (1939)
Wednesday, February 17th

Enjoy Family Programs in the Auditorium

Bubble Trouble with Jeff Boyer Sat., March 5th at 10:30 am

Jeff Boyer takes bubbles to the max in this one-man bubble extravaganza. Jeff juggles bubbles, sculpts and builds bubbles, forms a bubble fog and more. Mixing comedy, music and interactive bubble-magic, he engages and delights audiences of all ages.



You Are Special * Seneca School of Performing Arts In His Steps Company Sat., April 2nd at 2 pm

This original ballet, geared to children but appreciated by all ages, is full of color and excitement. Based on the book by Max Lucado, this children's ballet will inspire young audiences to realize how special they are and to encourage them to be themselves.

"Ponchinello" is a wooden doll who can't seem to fit in anywhere. The other dolls guide her to the woodcarver,

Eli, who made her and discovers her talent. The dance company is composed of teachers and students. See www.youarespecialballet.com



**Library and Auditorium event
additions and changes may
occur. For updates please call
the library at 585-593-3410
or visit us online
(www.davidahowelibrary.org)**

**Foreign Films will be shown
on the third Friday of each
month at 6:45 pm. We'll
show a diversity of types
and nationalities of films.
Let us know your favorites!**

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday:
10 am - 8 pm

Friday: 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm

Closed on Sunday

The Library is closed on:
January 1, 2 & 18 February 15

Technology Classes—A New Way To Learn

Starting in 2016, the Tech Department will be making some changes to its schedules and classes. Beginning in January, we will be offering two Tech Help Sessions, 10 - 12 noon. These will be on Wednesday and Friday, and will be by appointment, allowing you to sign up for the help you need.

Classes will resume in February and will be offered twice a month. We'll be offering basic classes the 2nd week of the month, on Monday mornings. Advance classes will take place the 4th week of the month, Monday evenings. We'll be starting with Basic Computers on February 8th and Windows 10 on February 22nd.

Also be on the lookout as the David A. Howe Makerspace will be opening to the public soon, providing access to creative tools and programs to help our patrons with projects of all sizes! We've increased the number of laptops and added two new iMacs. Patrons will have use of Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro and Manga Studio.

Learn how to research
your family tree
**Online Genealogy
Resource Classes**
Monthly
3rd Saturday
Noon-1:30pm
1/16, 2/20, 3/19, 4/16

Tune in to the *All the Books* Podcast!

There is now a new way to hear about library events, book news and book recommendations from the David A. Howe Public Library. Tune in to the official library podcast, *All the Books*, hosted by staff members Nic Gunning and Eric Mikols.

All the Books features news on upcoming releases, staff book picks, author spotlights and funny segments including the Lonely Hearts Book Club.

In this regular segment Nic and Eric choose a book from the stacks that has never been checked out and try to figure out what went wrong. This hilarious hour is a great way to stay in touch with the David A. Howe Public library from near or far. *All the Books* can be downloaded or streamed from the library website or directly at <https://www.blubrry.com/dahllibrary/>. Follow the show on Twitter at @AlltheBooksShow.



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