

VOLUNTEERING

December 2008

A YEAR IN REVIEW...

Thank you very much for helping to make 2008 a great year at the Southeast Steuben County Library.



Volunteers enjoy a luncheon and discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird* led by Dr. Lynn Pifer during April's Big Read.

Best wishes to you and your family for the holidays.



Staff, volunteers and their families get together for a fun, if not soggy, picnic at Kinsella Park.

Dinner, music, awards and a raffle added to the festivities at this year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The following volunteers received a service pin for their hours of outstanding service to our library:

250 Hours

Kathy Stever

500 Hours

Susan Harris
Mary Ellen Simmons
Kathy Tong

1,000 Hours

Jean Humphrey
Edna Lord
Grace Russell

1,500 Hours

Carol Araujo
Barbara Cook
Anna Rice

3,000 Hours

Darin Robbins

NEW VOLUNTEERS IN 2008...



Suzanne Jeffrey



Barb Quist

We are grateful to have so many generous and talented people helping the Library as volunteers. We enjoy seeing you each time you come in and we appreciate the work you do for us .

Here is a complete list of our new, 2008, volunteers:

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| Suannah Allen | Marcia Miller |
| Adaline Bartoff | Maureen O'Keefe |
| Sara Bucklaew | Connie Petro |
| Vicki Cook | Jean Pierce |
| Erica Flanagan | Barb Quist |
| Christine Frawley | Linda vanderGrinten |
| Elder Gaston | Bobbie Vence |
| Joanne Herman | Elder Wangemann |
| Suzanne Jeffrey | Vicki Wanzer |
| Mindy Lewis | |

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

During the month of December, we will be closed the following days:

- December 15 and 16 (for library cleaning)
December 24 and 25 (for the Christmas holiday)



BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - 2009

The Friends of the Library has another great schedule of books and reviewers for 2009. All talks begin at noon in the Laura Beer Community Room. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided. Hope to see you there!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Reviewer</u>
January 7	<i>The Last Lecture</i> , Randy Pausch	Gary McCaslin
January 14	<i>Hot, Flat and Crowded</i> , Thomas L. Friedmann	Whit Smith
January 21	<i>Ladies of Liberty</i> , Cokie Roberts	Marianne Furfure
January 28	<i>Fruitless Fall: The Collapse of the Honey Bee</i> <i>and the Coming Agricultural Crisis</i> , Rowan Jacobson	Floyd "Bud" Amann
February 4	<i>People of the Book</i> , Geraldine Brooks	Jane Fenn
February 11	<i>Loving Frank</i> , Nancy Horan	Elise Johnson-Schmidt

GETTING TO KNOW JENNIFER RUSSELL



Last June, Jennifer Russell joined the Library as our new Assistant Director.

If you haven't had an opportunity to get to know her yet, I thought you might enjoy reading through a conversation I had with her recently.

Q. Can you tell me a little bit about yourself? Where did you go to school? Where else have you worked?

A. I spent my childhood in Geneva, NY and enjoyed my summers at our family cottage on Skaneateles Lake. I went to college at the Rhode Island School of Design and earned a B.F.A. My area of study was Illustration and I took a class taught by the author, David Macauley (*The Way Things Work*). That was an interesting class! If you want to hear a story, let me know.

I have worked for the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater which is a non-profit environmental organization that was founded by a group of people that included Pete Seeger (who is an amazing person). My position there was Events Assistant, and our biggest fundraiser was The Great Hudson River Revival, a two day music and environmental festival.

Finding that I really love to organize information, I went back to school and earned my M.S.I.S (Master of Science in Information Science) at the University at Albany. Spending time with librarians and archivists was what I enjoyed the most at U at A. Together we took trips to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Beinecke archives at Yale – there are stories from that too.

Q. What made you interested in working at the Southeast Stueben County Library?

A. Having visited and taken classes at the Corning Museum of Glass, I found myself considering Corning as a place to reside. When I came to visit the Library, I was impressed with its vitality, and Pauline had such sparkle and enthusiasm that was hard to resist.

Q. Since you have started here, what has impressed you most about our Library?

A. Where to begin! I am impressed with the quantity and quality of the children's programs, thrilled that there are teen programs and amazed at the use of the community room. I am fascinated with the nonfiction section. I am also constantly amazed at all the various things that the library volunteers do: from circulation, to local history and even book repair!

Q. Could you please share some of the things that you look forward to seeing at our Library in the future?

A. Oh my goodness! I would love to see more adult programs, both educational and for entertainment, a Macintosh computer with design and editing programs on it, a special workstation for people with disabilities. I would like to see more artwork in the library... so many other things. What I would really like to see is a library that is able and open to collaborating with the community in creating a place of possibilities for everyone.

OTHER STAFF NEWS

As of November 24, Michelle Budney has joined our staff as the new Adult Services Specialist. With a Masters Degree in Library Science from the State University of New York at Albany and a long history of both library and education work experience, she is sure to be a great asset to the Library.

You will be seeing Michelle at the Reference Desk so please feel free to introduce yourself and say welcome!

RAFFLE

Enter to win a spaghetti dinner for two donated by Spencer's Restaurant in Corning.

Feel free to enter the drawing every time you come in to volunteer.

Drawing will be held December 17.



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**BEAT THE POST-HOLIDAY,
JANUARY BLAHS...**

COME FOR LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY!

Friday, January 16

(bad weather date the 23rd)