

Leaves

from the Mynderse Library

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HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU BETTER?

1. What interests you most?.....
2. What periodicals do you like?.....
3. Other suggestions?.....

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR THE BICENTENNIAL

By Ann Cramer

At the Mynderse Library are children's books on early American patriots and famous Presidents. There are many easy books on our varied heritage from Indians to immigrants and from frontier crossings to urban ghettos. Younger children will gain a deeper appreciation of the many people and traditions of America from the following books at the Mynderse Library:

My favorite of all is Annie and The Old One by Miska Miles. "The sun rises over the Navaho world. Then it sets. The cactus blooms and then its flowers fade. There is a time for all things to return to the earth. The Old One understands these things; Annie's mother understands, but Annie cannot. She cannot imagine the world without the Old One who has time to help her tend the sheep, to play and laugh with her. When the new rug on the loom is finished, there will be no more time. The rug on the loom becomes Annie's enemy and she plots to stop her mother's weaving..." While set in Navaho country, Annie and The Old One deals with universal themes --- growing old, death, the meaning of life and the place of all living things in nature but in words and images that the younger child can clearly understand. The simple yet sensitive illustrations go perfectly with the mood and realism of this beautiful tale.

Halfway across the continent from the sunbaked mesas of Annie lives Kevin Cloud: Chippewa Boy in The City. Written by Carol Ann Bales, a freelance photographer, Kevin Cloud is the true story of a ten year old Indian boy who lives in Uptown, a ghetto area of Chicago with the largest concentration of urban American Indians in our nation. Told in Kevin's own words and enhanced by striking photographs on every page, the book details his everyday life in the midst of poverty and racial tensions, a life shared by other inner city children of all races. Kevin is able, however, to keep to some of the old Indian ways and is proud of them -- the powwows, food, language and harvesting wild rice summers with relatives on their tribal reservation. Children (and adults too) tend to think that all Indians still live on reservations. Kevin Cloud gives us all a better understanding of the life and culture of many of our "First Americans".

A very funny picture book in verse on early New Amsterdam (to become New York City) in 1647 is Arnold Lobel's On The Day Peter Stuyvesant Sailed Into Town. On that day, the town was a wreck of junk and mud, broken down or burned out houses, decaying piles of garbage and animals running loose in the streets. Its Dutch settlers didn't care but Peter Stuyvesant, ill-tempered new Director-General of the City, did. "The New World is a mess, Peter cried in distress. Good Dutchmen, I loudly decry it! The whole dirty place is a total disgrace. Good Dutchmen, we must beautify it!" Even very young children will be both entertained and informed by the pictures and rhymed story of how New Amsterdam was saved from disaster and prospered.

Second and third graders looking for an easy to read book on the Pilgrim's journey and first year in America will like Ann McGovern's ... If You Sailed on The Mayflower. In lively question and answer style, this book is filled with humorous illustrations and fascinating details on the everyday life of the Pilgrims from whether children had any fun on the Mayflower and what they ate on the voyage to the cornhusk mattresses and one chair in Pilgrim homes (reserved for the father of the house).

Except for the Indians, we are a nation of immigrants. Many of our tools and trappings came from Europe, but many though now unknown were uniquely American. The ABC Book of Early Americana by the noted artist Eric Sloane is filled with lovingly detailed sketches and explanations of Early American inventions and antiques for the middle grades. Craftsmanship and pride in the smallest detail of his work were trademarks of colonial builders and inventors and are reflected in Mr. Sloane's varied collection -- from church arm rests to basketball, from the devil's fiddle to lightning rods, and from shingle makers to witch hazel divining rods.

Finally, no collection of children's books on our American heritage is complete without some on frontier days and the great westward expansion in the 1800's. Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books have long been dearly loved "classics". To both complement the set and to stand on its own as a varied and nostalgic collection of pioneer ballads, folk songs, dances and hymns, is Eugenia Garson's The Laura Ingalls Wilder Songbook. Musicians young and old will enjoy picking out the simplified arrangements on piano or guitar of all the songs mentioned in the "Little House" books. Fans of the Ingalls family saga can recreate for themselves the flavor of the campfires and covered wagons strung out all across the prairies.

WHY MEMORIALS?

Giving books to Mynderse Library in memory of friends is a living memorial. It keeps alive the interests of those who have gone and creates and develops these interests in others by contributing to the cultural opportunities of the whole community. On the memorial shelf of Mynderse Library you will find the following in memory of: WARREN E. WORMUTH

Adventures in the Wilderness: William Murray
Baseball's Great Moments: Joseph Reichler

Birds of New York State: John Bull
The Civil War: Shelby Foote
Cranberry Lake from Wilderness to
Adirondack Park: Albert Fowler
The Expert's Book of Freshwater Fishing:
Steve Netherby
Fire Engines in Color: Arthur Ingram
The First American Revolution: Milton Lomask

The Golden Age of Pro Football: M. Herskowitz
Legends of Shawangunk & its Environs
Literature of the American Indian: Thomas
Sanders & Walter Peck
The Other Side of the Hill: Harold Samson

Proudly We Hail: Kenneth Lasson
Strawberries in Wintertime: Walter Smith
The Trout & Stream: Charles E. Brook
The Way It Was: George Vecsey, ed.

The Wild Places
Fort Sumter to Perryville: Shelby Foote
Fredericksburg to Meridian: Shelby Foote

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WHY MYNDERSE (?) LIBRARY.

On January 1, 1810 the program of the Junius Debating Club appeared in the Albany Advertiser following its incorporation. Later a Reading Club, Musical Literary Society and a Shakespeare Society were organized. By 1888 interest in a downtown Reading Room prompted the organization of the Seneca Falls Library Association. Books and money were donated by the townspeople, and entertainments were arranged by the Association members and a Reading Room on the second floor of the Partridge Block (now the Clary Block) was opened and well patronized.

But at 3:15 a.m. on July 30, 1890 the first fire alarm was sounded on Seneca Falls worst disaster. Before the fire was brought under control eighty-seven businesses were destroyed, including the Reading Room and its contents.

Space was rented in the Exchange Block, members contributed books from their own libraries and soon the Reading Room was restored. In September 1891, with help from the Hon. Charles Hawley, the association was incorporated and the State contributed \$100.00 to speed it on its way. Later the library was moved to the home of James Gould (The Armitage).

By 1903 it had grown to 5,000 volumes and Wilhelmus Mynderse gave it space over his store which was located on the Flats. In 1906 he gave the entire building to the Association and the Board of Trustees renamed the Association and the Library in his honor and an amended charter was issued by the Secretary of State in the name of the Mynderse Library Association.

In 1915, when Van Cleef Lake was created, the building was flooded; but with payment from the State and additional contributions from townspeople, the present building was erected.

THANK YOU

Miss Dorothy Cologgi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cologgi of the Lake Road, worked part-time in the Library this summer. She is a graduate student in Library Science at the State University College at Geneseo and will receive her masters degree in December.

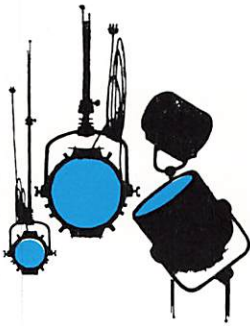
Miss Margaret Moreland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Moreland of 24 Van Cleef Street, was a part-time employee for the past year. Margaret will be attending the Agricultural and Technical School at Cobleskill majoring in nursery education.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Robert Tarnow and Goulds Pumps for the printing of Mynderse Leaves and to Robert Urwin for the artwork and illustrations.

The Garden Club of Seneca Falls planted red, white and blue flowers around the Library in celebration of the Bi-Centennial year.

Starting August 31 a Bi-Centennial display, "A Nation of Nations" will be on display in the Library. Mrs. Gayle Knox, assisted by Mrs. Helen McCarthy, is in charge of Mynderse Library displays.

HIGHLIGHTS
of the
MONTH



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library sponsored two programs this summer. Mrs. Joan Doshi and Mrs. Kathy Ingraham planned and presented a series of folk tale programs for seven consecutive Tuesday mornings.

Mrs. Betsy Shultis introduced the independent reading program. Children joined by reading a minimum of ten books of their own choice from the Mynderse Library any time during the summer vacation. Certificates were presented to those who completed their progress sheets.

The summer program concluded with an Awards presentation on August 26. Mrs. Mary Carey, Children's Consultant for the Finger Lakes Library System, told stories from Kipling's Just So Stories.

Dr. Jerry Janssen has offered a series of science-fiction get-togethers for October.

Mrs. Gayle Knox and Mrs. Helen McCarthy plan another student art display.



Fiction
Lady of the Lotus by William E. Barrett.
The Mandarin Gypser by Adam Hall.
Stonewall Brigade by Frank Slaughter.
Gone to Texas by Forrest Carter.
Shogun by James Clavell.
North Star by Hammond Innes.
The House of a Thousand Lanterns by Victoria Holt.
The Invisible Cord by Catherine Cookson.
Woman in the Mirror by Winston Graham.

Non-Fiction
The Palace Guard by Dan Rather.
Arnold Palmer by James T. Olsen.
The Bermuda Triangle Mystery Solved by Lawrence Kusche.
Journey by Robert Massie.
Thirty Years of Best Sports Stories by Irving T. Marsh.
The Maine Woods by Henry David Thoreau.

For Teenagers
The Real Me by Betty Miles.
A Part for Addie by Janet O'Daniel.
My Pretty Girl by Bianca Bradbury.
Storm over Innish by Dorothy Clives.
The Thoroughbreds by Barbara Berry.

For Beginning Readers
I 2 3 for the Library by Mary E. Little.
Moose, Goose and Little Nobody by Ellen Raskin.
Sesame Street Book of Opposites With Zero Mostel by George Mendoza.
Hamilton Duck's Springtime Story by Arthur Getz.

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