

The Bookmark Bulletin

Autumn 1998



The leaves are falling and there is a chill in the air...time to curl up with a good book...or at least a newsletter! We will fill you in on everything that's is happening at the library, new hours of operation, our new addition to the staff and recommend some (frightfully) good books for children.



Thank You Notes:

* Thank you to Mrs Donna Vandelinder for organizing and directing wonderful children's programming this past summer. Sponsored by the New York State and Finger Lakes Library Systems, the program "Solve It At The Library", was a big success.

* Thank you to Myndwich for their generous contributions. From the proceeds of this summer's Book Sale the group purchased several pieces of equipment for the library.

DID YOU KNOW?

Beginning November 1st Mynderse Library will be open 5 additional hours each week. The new hours will be:

Monday 2-5 & 7-9PM

Tuesday 2-9PM

Wednesday 1-9PM

Thursday 2-9PM

Friday 2-5 & 7-9PM

Saturday 2-5PM

Please remember to be a member...less than 50% of our budget comes from public funds! We need your support! Mynderse Library is an association Library. Mail in your membership form today!

Bewitching Books and Spooky Stories:
Mynderse Library Halloween Offerings for Older Children
By Ann Cramer

Did You Say Ghosts? by Richard Michelson (E). A scary yet humorous repetitive parade of ghastly creatures, each scared of the next monster to follow. (Though found in Easys, the striking illustrations may be too frightening for young children. Good for 4th grade and up).

Middle Schoolers should try three story collections by Robert D. San Souci: Short and Shivery (398.25), More Short and Shivery (808.83), and Even More Short and Shivery (398.5). These terrifying tales from all over the world are very popular and usually out, but well worth the wait. Of particular local interest is the Seneca Indian "Island of Fear" in More Short and Shivery.

Nightmares: Poems to Trouble Your Sleep by Jack Prelutsky and illustrated by Arnold Lobel (811). Creepy illustrated verses about the bogeyman, ghouls, werewolves, vampires and ogres for students old enough to relish being scared. Very different from Arnold Lobel's Frog And Toad series or Prelutsky's benign pumpkins and small trick-or-treaters featured in his It's Halloween, both in Easy Readers.

Third Graders and up will find Witches, Pumpkins, and Grinning Ghosts: The Story of the Halloween Symbols by Edna Barth (394.2) NOT scary. Both entertaining and informative, it traces the mostly Celtic origins of our familiar Halloween customs, legends and colors. Appropriately, the many illustrations are all done in orange and black.

And students wanting to make an easy yet spooky Haunted House room or eager to enhance their storytelling skills should check out The Holiday Handbook by Carol Barkin and Elizabeth James (394.26) Simple haunted house props are suggested (peeled grapes, cold cooked spaghetti and wet sponges for dead body parts, black thread spiderwebs, etc.) And rattling aluminum foil for thunder or blowing across the top of a pop bottle to make ghostly moans will add great sound effects to all your Halloween ghosts stories.

Happy Halloween and be careful Trick-or Treating!

Every Wednesday

by Jean Rademacher

Laden with an assortment of books, newspapers, magazines, clippings and (often) snacks, the women and men of the Myndwich Club arrive for their meeting Wednesdays at noon at Mynderse Library.

A casual group, there are no officers or by-laws. A ring of a bell brings the group to order when members get carried away in neighborly conversation.

A discussion group rather than a book club, a recent October program included a smorgasbord of topics, beginning when Marty Hadley read an article by Gore Vidal on liberalism in religion and politics. Mary Curry countered with a clipping detailing veterans' response to the design of a statue to honor New York women who served in the military. The statue was "Not worthy," according to the consensus of those attending.

At a September gathering, Bob Nelson read from the recently-published book, "A Walk in the Woods." In it, the author, Bill Bryson, humorously relates mishaps he encountered while journeying on the Appalachian Trail.

The design of the new \$20 bill and the return to the city of Newburgh of a historic document relating to American Judaism, also received attention. From art to history, topics are as diverse as members' former occupations - secretary, photographer, homemakers, engineer, teachers and librarians. Not all are natives of the area.

Members also bring articles to share from publications like the New York Times and The New Yorker. An article appearing in the October issue of the Smithsonian is titled, "Tea and Sisterhood"- the story is about the table on which Elizabeth Cady Stanton penned the Declaration of Sentiments. (The table, on loan from the Smithsonian Natural Museum of American History, is on display at the Women's Rights National Historic Park on Fall Street.

From its beginnings in 1978, the roster has changed, but one member, Mary Curry, remains constant. Other members are: Peggy Kent, Sam Dickieson, Ruth Magill, Jan Doane, Betty Batty, Ethel Bishop, Katherine Bender, Fran Hyatt, Bonnie Armstrong, John Miller, Jane Wood, Jean Rademacher and Eugenia Lester McCrary .

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There are no dues as such, but those attending contribute one dollar per meeting. This money, along with proceeds from book sales and other fund- raisers, has enabled the group to purchase gifts for the library. In the past five years, the group collected more than \$5,000. Among items purchased were an air conditioner, chairs, tables, a paper shredder, monitors for computers, and an answering machine.

The Mynderwich Club invites anyone interested to visit the lower-level meeting room at Mynderse Library any Wednesday at noon for coffee and conversation.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

Joining the staff of the library in September, Mrs. Jan Caraccilo is our new Children's Librarian! Mrs. Caraccilo recently retired from the Frank Knight School where she was a reading teacher. Establishing a "Read to Me" Club for preschool age children has been Jan's first priority. The children meet every other Wednesday at the library. This programming is open to the public, please call the library at 568-8265 for further information.



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