

Mynderse Library Newsletter

Spring 1998



Spring is here or at least on it's way.

This issue includes lots of news, great books for everyone, an idea for a fun activity for the family and even a contest! With April's showers and May's flowers, also comes the Annual Mynderse Library Membership Drive. Please remember that less than 50% of our budget comes from public funds. In order to become a member of Mynderse Library you must fill out the membership form and return it with your donation. Beginning with our summer issue, the newsletter will only be sent to our members, as a thank you for their support.



Thank You Notes:

Thank you to Mr. Robert Cologgi for the generous gift in memory of his wife, Mrs. Norma (Gustafson) Cologgi.

Thank you to George M. and Anna Aristides Bantuvanis for establishing a special Book Fund for us. The income from this fund is used to purchase books for the library.

Our thanks to the Seneca Falls Garden Club, whose members decorated the library for the Christmas season.



The Myndwich Book Club

sponsored a very successful book sale in January. The club sold over 2000 volumes donated by members and friends. (There are books still available for sale on the lower level of the library.) Special thanks to Peggy Kent, Bonnie Armstrong, Ruth MaGill and Martha Hadley for all their hard work on this sale. The Myndwich Book Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the library.

The Name Game

Our newsletter needs a name... if you have an idea we would love to hear it! If your idea is chosen as winner you will receive a \$10 gift certificate from Waldens Books! Enter today and as often as you like. The winner will be selected by May 1st.

Deadline for entry is

April 20, 1998. Mail your entry to: Mynderse Library

31 Fall Street

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Or drop your entry off during library hours. Good Luck!

St Patrick's Day Reading for Children at the Mynderse Library by Ann Cramer

The old saying "Be careful what you wish for. You may get it." comes to life delightfully in Tomie De Paola's picture book, Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato: An Irish Folktale (398). Jamie, the laziest man in all Ireland, has only one wish when he captures a leprechaun...all the potatoes he can eat. Young children and parents alike will love the humor in both the illustrations and plot.

Famed as storytellers and spinners of myths, the Irish have given us two typical stories of witches and giants in "The Horned Witches", Journey By Broomstick by Geoffrey Palmer and "The Giant Who Sucked His Thumb", Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum: Friendly and Funny Giants by Adrien Stoutenburg. Both found in 398.

In Biography, try Patrick of Ireland by Wilma Pitchford Hayes or the easy to read St. Patrick's Day by Joyce Kessel for the shamrock's significance and other customs and legends.

Kathleen Meyer's Ireland: Land of Mist and Magic (Discovering Our Heritage Series) is a good overview, with photographs, of Irish history, customs and legends, holidays and festivals, food, schools and sports, and Irish immigration to the United States. (941.5)

With adult help, young cooks can bake St. Patrick's Day Cakes from Around The World In 80 Dishes by Polly Van der Linde. (641.59) Or they can whip up a Colcannon, a potato, cabbage and green onion casserole often set out for fairies and ghost to munch. The recipe Boiled Fruitcake, from Holidays Of The World Cookbook For Students by Lois Webb. (641.5), may sound a bit strange but, don't be put off by the title. Only the sugar and spices are boiled...not the whole cake!

Happy St. Patrick's Day, and may a host of leaping leprechauns lead



you to a lucky shamrock and a pot of gold! -s- s- s-



A Good Book for a Dark, Rainy Night

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By the beginning of chapter two, West and Brazil are investigating three separate, but similar homicides of visiting businessmen. The victims are shot in the head multiple times, with areas of their bodies spray-painted bright orange and left with their cars, but devoid of cash, jewelry and valuables.

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"Hornet's Nest," is available at Mynderse Library. On a scale of 1-10, I'd give it a six, (but I'd give any of her Scarpetta series a nine).

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By Jean Rademacher

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Family Fun Time

Take your family on a hike in your own back yard or neighborhood. Nature's "treasures" are all around us in the spring and children, especially, enjoy collecting them. Put those special rocks, leaves, feathers and other treasures in a shoebox. (Tip: to kill bacteria place items in sealed plastic bags overnight in the freezer!) Examine and compare your children's collections with them. Ask some leading questions, such as, "How are these feathers different?" or "Is a pine cone a seed or a fruit?". Encourage your children to do some research on their collections...and the library is a great place to start! **Mynderse Library** has many books on nature, science and animals. See you at the library!

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