

Mynderse Library  
Seneca Falls, NY

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## ARCHITECT CHOSEN FOR DESIGN OF NEW LIBRARY



After careful consideration by its Construction Committee and presentations by several firms, the Board of Trustees has chosen Beardsley Design Associates of Auburn to design the new library building. Senior Architect Larry Liberatore, a native of Seneca Falls will head up the Project. Two major areas of the new building will be a Children's Reading Area and an adequate and welcoming public meeting room. Community input will be encouraged during the design and construction processes.



As the new library will be in the heart of the Historic District, Larry Liberatore's knowledge of preservation techniques and historic styles will be very valuable. Beardsley Design Associates are currently renovating or constructing elementary, middle and high school libraries in Webster, Sodus and Chittenango. They have built an addition to Auburn's Seymour Library, renovated Auburn's YMCA, and built the new local branch for the National Bank of Geneva on Routes 5 & 20 at the Route 414 intersection.



## NOTE DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING



This year's Annual Meeting of the Mynderse Library Association will be slightly later than usual --- On Wednesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. in the library. Architect Larry Liberatore of Beardsley Design Associates will update building construction plans. In other business, new Trustee Marie Leo (replacing Gretchen Koch) will be introduced, and the expired terms of Trustees Lance Blackshaw, Don Cramer and

Susan Sinicropi will be filled. Refreshments will be served, and all Association members are invited to attend.

Membership letters with more details will be mailed shortly to all current Association members. Please respond this year as generously as you can so that your library can keep pace with all the changing needs of its patrons.

## KIWANIS CLUB TO HOST LIBRARY FUND RAISER JUNE 9

On Friday, June 9 beginning at 4 p.m. in the St. Patrick's School gymnasium, the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls will host a silent auction, ziti and meatball dinner, and a live auction, all to benefit the Building Fund of Mynderse Library. The silent auction runs from 4 - 7 p.m., with dinner served from 5 - 8 p.m. followed by the major auction at 8:30 p.m.

Renowned chef Louis Rizzieri, Principal of St. Patrick's School and School Board member, is cooking up big batches of his famous ziti and meatballs, together with salad, bread and butter,



assorted desserts, coffee and tea.

Some of the donated items for the auctions are as follows: A plane ride piloted by Bob Pfeiff, the Jacuzzi suite at the Holiday Inn for two nights, a weekend in Las Vegas at the Fremont Hotel and Casino, two Not For Ourselves Alone autographed books and videos by Ken Burns, Ken Burns's autographed Civil War set of book and 9 videos, Miriam Grace Monfredo's autographed set of Seneca Falls mysteries, Hillary Clinton's autographed It Takes A Village, A Glimpse of Ireland by John

McCarthy (also autographed), Historical Society gift shop books, and Irish tenor John McDermott's CD and autographed photo;

Also leather-bound autographed first editions of both Norman Mailer's Tough Guys Don't Dance and Leon Uris's The Haj, framed Norman Rockwell ads for Goulds Pumps and a scale model fire pumper (both donated by Goulds/ITT), a Goulds pump, a print by area artist Dan Motell, dinner for two at the Pumphouse, gift baskets from the Women's Hall of Fame and from local veterinarians Dr. Herb Holden and Dr. James Lombard, two glass punch bowl sets, sets and single collector's plates from The Franklin Mint and Bradford Exchange (including Thomas Kincaide, Norman Rockwell, and Bessie Pease Gutman's popular Victorian children and their pets), a variety of counted cross stitch kits, and Southern Living's books on Christmas crafts, decorating and recipes. And more auction items are coming in all the time..... Any Library Association members wishing to donate auction items should call Dr. Mary Norman or Myra Creecy at 568-2392.

Pre-sale dinner tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children, with adult tickets raised to \$8 at the door. All checks should be made out to the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls. Those wishing to attend the auction only will be asked for a one dollar donation, and all proceeds will be split evenly between the Mynderse Library Building Fund and the Kiwanis Club's community projects.

Advance tickets may be purchased by contacting Kiwanian and your Newsletter Editor Ann Cramer at 568-6427. (I have no answering machine but am usually in, so keep trying).



## A HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW TRUSTEE MARIE LEO

Filling the unexpired term of Gretchen Koch, new Library Board Trustee Marie Giansante Leo of West Bayard Street in Seneca Falls is well known in our community, especially for her years of active involvement in St. Patrick's School and parish.

A former French teacher at St. Pat's School for 10 years, Marie has also been a legal assistant for Attorney Cal Brainard before returning to St. Pat's as its Christian Formation Director. In charge of all parish education programs and Sunday School classes, Marie also directs the sacramental preparation of First Communion and Confirmation students and oversees Youth Group activities. Marie and husband John (a Chemical Process Engineer at Thomas Electronics in Clyde) have 3 children; SUNY Geneseo graduate Brady, Geneseo entering freshman Sarah, and Joanna, who will be a Mynderse Academy junior this fall. A sister of Patrice Giansante, Marie graduated from Mynderse in 1968 and Geneseo in 1972.

Marie sees libraries and reading as very important parts of life, and somehow finds the time to read every day. Her other hobbies include cooking, gardening, listening to music, and walking the Sculpture Trail with husband John. Her family stressed reading as an important resource for all ages, and while growing up Marie's weekly reward for good behavior was to be able to go to Mynderse Library Saturday afternoons to check out books. "I cannot imagine a life without books" says Marie. "I am very enthused about volunteering my services to the entire Seneca Falls community by working on the new library!"



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES GETS SET TO FUND-RAISE

The Library Board has engaged Gwen Webber-McLeod (a former Director of the Women's Hall of Fame) and Melina Carnicelli (Mayor of Auburn) of Treble Associates in Auburn as consultants in planning and assessing fund-raising strategies for the upcoming capital campaign for a new library building. As part of this process, Treble Associates is conducting a daylong retreat on Saturday, May 20 for the entire Board of Trustees.

## SERVICE WITH A SMILE FROM DIANE NEAL

Joining the Mynderse Library staff back in February, Library Clerk Diane Neal brings both enthusiasm and a ready smile to the Circulation Desk. She and her husband Brad of Goulds/ITT Water Systems in Auburn moved to Seneca Falls in 1987 from a small town in Pennsylvania, purchasing the Suffredini house on Center Street in 1991. They have 2 children; Katie, a sixth grader at the Middle School

next fall, and Steven, who will be entering second grade at Knight School in fall. Katie's favorite books are the Harry Potter series, while Steven loves chapter books.

Diane's previous jobs include Savannah Bank teller, cake decorator and baker for Super Duper, part time clerk at the Village Office, and Executive Manager for Tupperware with 14 salespersons under her. As her library job is part time at 20 hours per week, Diane also is currently substitute secretary/typist in the Mynderse Academy high school office.

Her favorite books are the Patricia Cornwell mysteries, romance novels by Nicholas Sparks, and the Left Behind science fiction and prophecy series by Tim La Haye and Jerry Jenkins. In her spare time Diane enjoys doing counted cross stitch and touring around the shores of the Finger Lakes with her husband on their Harley Sportster motorcycle, which they also use to make charity runs.

Diane enjoys working in the library's relaxed atmosphere with patrons of all ages, and her favorite task is finding books for people. You will find her on duty on Mondays and Fridays from 1-5 and on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 5-9 p.m.



## SECOND GRADE FAVORITES

Lisa Sinicropi, second grade teacher at Frank Knight Elementary School and daughter of Frank and Library Trustee and fellow teacher Susan Sinicropi, reports that the following books at Mynderse Library are favorites of some of her Room 8 students:

Stephen Creswell -	<u>The Indian In The Cupboard</u> by Lynne Reid Banks
Barbara Peterman -	<u>Superfudge</u> by Judy Blume
Shannon Renninger -	<u>The Giving Tree</u> by Shel Silverstein
Nichole Reynolds -	<u>Nate The Great</u> by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Jessica Sakowski -	<u>Where's Waldo?</u> by Martin Handford
Michael Skinner -	<u>Ralph S. Mouse</u> by Beverly Cleary

Though most of her reading is currently

textbooks for a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education, Lisa is an avid borrower of the library's Books On Tapes for car trips and commuting to classes. Her favorite tapes are romance novels or other fiction.

## SIZZLING SUMMER MYSTERIES

By Jean Rademacher



Just like life, mysteries heat up this time of year, from sweltering Miami to Munich, Germany.

Miami and its environs is the focus of Edna Buchanan's new thriller, "Garden of Evil." In it, the Kiss Me Killer leaves a trail of lipstick on the bullets along with the bodies of her male victims. In her quest for the story, reporter Britt Montero, takes a dangerous ride with the psycho.

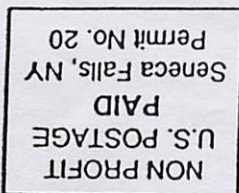
"Secret Honor" is the third in the Honor Bound series by WEB Griffin. The prolific author (29 books) usually specializes in military suspense and adventure stories about World War II. In this tale, set in April 1943, Griffin weaves fact and fiction as a German General in Hitler's Wolf s Lair, his son in Buenos Aires, and an American OSS agent work toward the death of Hitler and the Nazi Party. A drama with romance and action, twists and turns, and more than one hero.

Full of action and suspense, Robert B. Parker has changed the local from his native Boston to Georgia horse county for his very recent crime fiction novel, "Hugger Mugger." In it, the private eye Spenser, seeks to find out who is threatening a prized colt. But the detective really earns his money when the horse's owner himself is murdered.

Parker, a best-selling author, has written more than 35 mysteries.

Fast-paced and scary, "The Winner," introduces a most unusual heroine in LuAnn Tyler. Poor, abused and an unwed mother, she refuses the offer of winning a \$100 million dollar national lottery. When she is falsely accused of murder, she accepts along with the stipulation that she leave the U.S. forever. Returning 10 years later she finds a reporter has picked up her trail, her benefactor seeks to punish her for defying him and FBI investigators are checking on the lottery fix. She turns to her neighbor for help and finds she has won more than money.

The thriller was written by David Baldacci, a



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former lawyer, who has had two previous novels on the New York Times bestseller lists.

Librarian Michael Caraher has the above books available at Mynderse Library or through the Finger Lakes Library System's interlibrary loan service.



### SUMMER TIME IS ENTERTAINMENT TIME AT CHILDREN'S READING PROGRAM

The public of all ages is invited to three special programs this summer at Mynderse Library. Sponsored by the Summer Reading Program under the direction of Children's Librarian Jan Caraccilo, the special events include a puppet show on Thursday morning July 13; a repeat performance of last summer's "Sing Along The Canal" by popular minstrel Ken Hynson on Tuesday evening, July 25; and Rochester's Mike The Clown And Magician For All Ages on Wednesday afternoon, August 9. By

having the programs on different days of the week and at different times of day, it is hoped many people can attend at least one session.

The school-age Summer Reading Program and pre-school Mother Goose Time will begin at the library the week of the puppet show (July 13) and run for five weeks. For more details or to register your child, please call Children's Librarian Jan Caraccilo at 568-8424 or Librarian Michael Caraher at 568-8265.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday, June 9 -   | Kiwanis Club Benefit Auction and Ziti Dinner for Mynderse Library Building Fund at St. Pat's gym beginning at 4 p.m.  |
| Wednesday, June 21 | Annual Meeting of the Library Association at 7 p.m. The program will be by Beardsley Design Associates, the architectural firm chosen for the new library building. |