

Mynderse Library
Seneca Falls, NY

Summer 1999

MYNDERSE PATRONS HAVE THEIR SAY

The results are in from last winter's mail-in survey of 6000 households in the area served by Mynderse Library, and will be used by the Board of Trustees in planning for expanded services and a larger library building.

Though every inch of the present library is now well used thanks to the recent Senator Michael Nozzolio grant for renovations, Mynderse Library is bursting at the seams and needs more space to meet its patrons requests for services. (The Finger Lakes Library System found the present building's 4000 square feet very inadequate for the population base served, as the library should have between 6000 and 10000 square feet).

12% (a good response for this type of survey) or 720 households responded on time, with another 45 returns received too late to count. 85% of those responding feel it is very important

to have a community library, and 71 % use Mynderse Library.

An impressive 75% of all responses are willing to have a tax increase for a better library, with the preferred increase equally split among a 5 cent, 10 cent or 15 cent increase per \$1000 assessment.

As for the building itself, 637 want a new building in downtown Seneca Falls and 80% want off street parking. More than half the responses want the following services: a book drop for off hours (69%), more best sellers (60%), copy machine (57%), more public computers (51%), and the used book sale (50%).

The public is welcome to read the complete summary of the survey at the library. And thanks go to NYCC personnel for helping tabulate responses and to Wilson Press and Seneca Meadow for assuming the survey cost.

KIDS FLOCK TO HEAR THE STORY LADY

"I can't wait for Mother Goose Time, When can we go to the library again?" - A Mynderse Library preschooler after attending earlier story hours.

Children's Librarian Jan Caraccilo has launched three different children's reading programs at the library during July and early August based on NY State's "Celebrate! Read!" summer theme. Preschoolers ages 2 to 5 come on Tuesdays for the very popular "Mother Goose Time", and school age children have two separate Summer Reading Clubs, with Grades K-3 on Wednesdays and 4-8 on Thursdays. Each week features a different theme such as pets, the family, this century, and music, with time for special activities and signing out books.

Special programs by popular local children's author Robin Pulver, an evening family sing-a-long hosted by minstrel Ken Hyson, and a storyteller or other entertainer will highlight the reading celebrations, thanks to a New York State Council of the Arts grant of \$560 to Mynderse Library. Gold stars to grant writers Trustee Gretchen Koch, Caraccilo, and Librarian Caraher for their successful first application to NYSCA!

A POP QUIZ



Q: What do all these books have in common?

KOSOVO: A SHORT HISTORY by Noel Malcolm
OLD POSSUM'S BOOK OF PRACTICAL CATS by T.S. Eliot
THE LIBRARY by Sarah Stewart
FRENCH DIRT: THE STORY OF A GARDEN IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE by Richard Goodman
THE TWILIGHT ZONE REVISITED by Rod Serling
THE 20TH CENTURY CHILDREN'S BOOK TREASURY by Janet Schulman
ON THIS ROCKNE: A NOTRE DAME MYSTERY by Ralph McInerny
A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GAME: BASEBALL WRITINGS OF A. BARTLETT
GIAMATTI by Kenneth Robson
BENET'S READERS ENCYCLOPEDIA by Bruce Murphy

A: Though not in Mynderse Library, you can borrow them all plus thousands more through interlibrary loan. As a member of the Finger Lakes Library System, Mynderse Library has free access to all the books of 28 other member libraries, including the power houses of Tompkins County, Seymour Library in Auburn, and the System's library itself, plus more books outside the System for a nominal charge to the borrower. Stop in today with a list of wanted titles or authors and either find out how to hunt them down yourself in the automated card catalog or ask the staff to locate them for you. Odds are you'll find exactly what you're looking for.



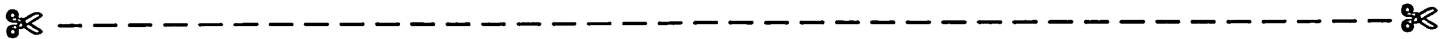
MYNDERSE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEEDS *YOU NOW!!*



The good news is that during the past year membership dues contributions rose from \$9000 to \$12000. 917 books, 300 paperbacks, 73 periodicals, 194 av materials, and 5 other items were purchased for a total of 1489 new holdings. 403 new library cards were issued, and 15454 people used Mynderse Library

The bad news is that all these new purchases and our ever expanding services to the public cost more each year. Revenue from Library Association dues now represent only 15% of the annual library budget. To keep pace with the many patron requests noted on the survey, Mynderse Library invites all library users not yet members to join the Library Association. All Association members automatically receive all four issues annually of this newsletter.

Please fill out the tear off sheet below and send it together with your dues contribution, which is fully tax deductible, to Mynderse Library, 31 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148. Checks should be made payable to Mynderse Library.



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