

The Next Edition

Seneca Falls Library, Michael F. Nozzolio Building

Voila! by Susan Porter

It's been five months since that unseasonably warm November day when the Seneca Falls Library opened its doors for the first time. The grand opening was a joyous day for the library and community, as hundreds visited the new facility made possible by the generosity of so many.

Since that time, the library has seen a substantial increase in traffic as more and more people check out the new building.

More than 1,000 new cardholders have been added since November. The public meeting room – which adjoins the kitchen and can be divided into two rooms -- has been especially well utilized. About 20 community groups use the room regularly, including Literacy Volunteers, a local Girl Scout troop, the House of Concern, the Seneca Community Players and a home-schooling group. The meeting room is used four to five days a week, morning, noon and night. Donations from the Seneca Falls Rotary Club and the Shaken Memorial will combine to purchase a new Powerpoint projector for community use in the meeting room.

The Mother Goose program run by Children's Librarian Jan Caraccilo has also grown tremendously since the library's move. At one recent Tuesday morning session, more than 40 children and parents filled the children's area to hear stories. The new designated children's area -- with its stage, large win-



The New Seneca Falls Library

dows and low bookshelves – makes listening to stories a much more comfortable and enjoyable experience.

Our computer area is another part of the library that has seen significant growth. We now have 12 public-access computers, triple the amount available in the old building. Those computers are used by patrons of all ages – from youngsters enjoying some educational games to high school students working on term papers or older adults surfing the Web or working on resumes.

Anyone who has moved knows it takes some time to settle in and feel at home in your new surroundings. As we begin to feel more at home at 47 Cayuga St., it is our hope to offer more programs.

But we look to our users as well. One patron came up with the idea of launching a book club for youngsters who enjoy the popular children's author Barbara Park. The "Junie B.

Jones Book Club" is meeting every Saturday morning for 6 and 7 year old children. Kathy Miller is volunteering her time to lead the group and the library purchased the books for the club – a kind of partnership we'd like to repeat. If you have a particular interest or expertise, the new Seneca Falls Library may be a good venue to share it. We encourage you to call us with your ideas.

As a mother of two young children, I admit I'm prone to "mothering" metaphors. But I have often thought of this new library as akin to children. As many of you know, it certainly takes effort to birth a child ... or in our case, a new library. But that labor pales in comparison to the work it takes to raise a child. I feel the same way about the Seneca Falls Library. Many have worked hard to realize its birth, but in a sense the work has just begun. We continue to look for your support in making the library the best it can be.

New Library Hours

- The Seneca Falls Library

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Monday–Friday

8:00am-10:00pm

Saturday

10:00am-5:00pm

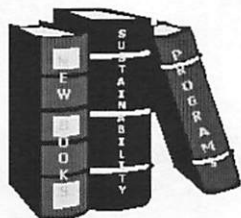
Sunday

2:00pm-5:00pm

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Trilogy Campaign



New Books Sustainability Programs

Seneca Falls Library Trilogy Campaign begins in May

As we look to our future, it is important for us to fulfill our mission to provide free and open access to information and resources through books, tapes, computers, the World Wide Web and the meeting room. This year's *Annual Membership Drive* is a part of the **Trilogy Campaign**. The Trilogy Campaign is in-

tended to find funding for New Books to fill our new shelves; Sustainability to keep us warm, or sometimes cool, and well-lit; and Programs to maintain and enhance the many opportunities we have here. Letters will soon be going out seeking your support as an **Association Member**. You will be asked

to choose a level that will confirm your belief in the new library as a wonderful addition to the community. You will become both a donor to and a beneficiary of good books and a wonderful facility filled with cultural programs for everyone. Watch for your letter and become an Association Member.

The only way to have a friend is to be one
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Friends of the Library

A group called the Friends of the Seneca Falls Library is forming. The Friends is an organization of people who love libraries. The Friends goal is to sponsor programs each year that encourage an interest in the library and en-

rich our cultural community. The Friends will assist with special programs and events that promote reading, encourage a love of books and foster the use of the library. The Friends may be asked to help with a mailing, a special event,

office work or a myriad of other smaller projects not yet defined. Join in an informational meetings forming now at the Seneca Falls Library. For more information call Jackie Grey at the Library, 568-8265.

Myndwich, Sam Dickieson

A group of people meet every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Josephine Littlejohn meeting room and call themselves MYNDWICH. Meeting for two hours and discuss anywhere from local, national and world affairs to book reviews, travelogues and personal concerns. The meetings are very informal, with no proscribed agenda; attendance fluctuates between 5 to 10 persons. There is a kind of bonding that has developed over the years, the group having been formed 25 years ago and was

named such because originally people brought a sandwich to munch on while discussions ensued. Recently people have had their lunch before coming but always have coffee and tea and some "goodies" to add to their waistline.

In the past MYNDWICH has organized the annual used book sale, the proceeds given to the library for various purchases such as a new computer, a special book collection, or a piece of furniture which was often outside the parameters of the current

budget. This year we hope to have another such book sale in our new library and will probably engage the help of our newly formed "Friends of the Library" to make it even more successful than it has been in the past.

Our present "members" are Bonnie Armstrong, Betty Batty, Sam Dickieson, Doreen Eilenstine, Martha Hadley, Peggy Kent, Ruth Magill, Bob Nelson, and Jean Rodemacher. Come join us and have a stimulating two hours of great fellowship.



Myndwich on a recent Wednesday

Caraher's Corner

The move is over and we are settling in and becoming used to the new surroundings. When I was told it was time for another Caraher's Corner, I began to ponder possible topics. I decided I am not quite ready to leave the old building. I last wrote about my not so shinning moments in the old building and feel that this Caraher's Corner should showcase patrons' special moments.

I was at the circulation desk when a middle school student came and handed me a piece of paper with a title written on it. She said I want that book. I began the search. I checked the card catalog and yes; it was a true card catalog and not a computer. The conclusion was we didn't own the book. When I told the patron that we didn't have it, she became insistent that we did. I said we really don't, but I would be happy to try to borrow it through interlibrary loan. Her answer was that she had just finished watching an after school special and after it was over, the TV said that you could go to your local library and borrow the book. I ex-

plained that the TV really doesn't know the books that we own and can only suggest that you see if your library owns a copy. We ended up borrowing a copy of the book through interlibrary loan.

Then there was the time when the library was closed and I was there by myself. I was working away when I heard a loud noise coming from the front porch. Wondering what was happening, I went to a window to investigate. At the time, the old book drop was a small window into the building. It was no longer usable because the newer bigger books wouldn't fit and a new railing had been installed forcing you climb over it to get to the book drop. Well, here was this little lady manhandling our big metal book drop out of the way so she could climb over the railing and get to the old book drop. After accomplishing this goal, she climbed back over the railing and moved the new book drop back into place and left. Luckily she didn't see me standing in the window with a dumbfounded look on my face.

My favorite patron

happening occurred one hot summer day. We had this gentleman spending the afternoon in the library. We noticed one time that when he left; he drove away in van loaded with clothing and personal items. We assumed that he was living in his van and this proved to be correct. One very hot day we were closing at 5:00 for the dinner hour and I finished checking out the main floor. So, I headed for the basement stairs assuming that staff members were the only ones left in the building. I bound down the stairs and rounded the corner and came to dead stop. Here was our friend, striped to the waist, standing at the kitchen sink giving himself a sponge bath. Of course he was using Myndwich's dishcloth and towels. That was the last we saw of him and I enlisted my mother to get the Myndwich dishcloth and towels back in usable condition.

So after 20 plus years we say a fond farewell to the old building and look forward to many unusual and interesting years and happenings at the new building.



"Here was our friend, striped to the waist...giving himself a bath!"

New Staff at the Library

The staff is growing and changing. New to the position of Director of Development is Jacqueline Grey. Jackie lives in Seneca Falls and comes to the library with many years of development experience. She will be looking for ways to maintain the new facility through donations, grants and special

events. Give her a call or stop into her office on the second floor and introduce yourself!

Or call if you are interested in volunteering as the gardener to add flowers to our gardens. Our landscaping should soon be completed and the building will be looking for some Spring and Summer color!

The Library Director, Michael, has just finished interviews for a new library clerk. The new clerk will help to fill the expanded hours the library is offering and should be on board by the beginning of next month.



Jackie Grey
Director of Development



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as a Friend of the Library__.



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