

# The Next Edition

## Mynderse Library

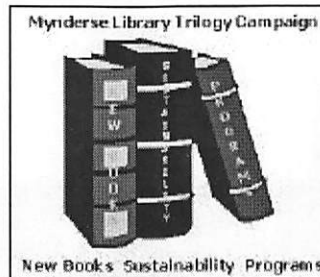
June, 2003

### Trilogy Campaign Underway

The initial campaign in the *Trilogy* is underway with the membership drive. Appeals for this campaign were sent out earlier this month. Our goal for this campaign is \$20,000, and we are well on our way with more than \$13,000 raised so far. With your assistance, we will be able to reach our goal. The *Trilogy Campaign* procures funds for new books, future sustainability of the library, and new programs.

The levels of giving for the membership drive are:

- \$1,000 - Leadership
- \$500 - Friend
- \$250 - Patron
- \$100 - Supporting
- \$50 - Contributor
- \$40 - Family
- \$30 - Individual
- \$25 - Senior Citizen



On June 18, the library hosted its annual meeting at its current building on 31 Fall Street. Attendees heard library and construction updates, as well as a history of the current Mynderse Library building from Board of Trustees Member emeritus, Ed Chase.

If you have any questions about the annual membership drive, or would like further information, please call Jennifer Sawyer at 568-9095 or Mike Caraher at 568-8265. We hope we can count on your assistance to make Mynderse Library an important asset to this community.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Hours: M & F: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tues - Thurs: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Closed Sat and Sun

**31 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148**

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## Construction Update

With the brick currently being placed on the façade of the new library building, progress is evident. Many subcontractors have been busily working on the interior during the past three to four dreary months. Walls are being painted, tile is being placed on the floors, and many other interior décor finishing touches. Bricks will continue to be placed on the exterior during the next several weeks, as it is a very meticulous process.

It is anticipated the building will be complete by August and details for our grand opening festivities will be published soon after. We look forward to celebrating this long anticipated event with you!



### Pledge Statements

If you are interested in reviewing your pledge statement, please call Jennifer Sawyer at 568-9095. The statement will display your initial pledge and payments made against it. If at any time you wish to alter your pledge payment plan (ie. monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually), please call Jennifer and a new plan will be developed for you.

### Plaques

All donors who contributed \$1,000 or more, will have their name placed on a plaque in the library foyer. Mailings were sent out in March and May to inquire if names and memorials/honorariums were spelled correctly. If you have not responded yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can be sure your information is correct. Please call Mike Caraher at 568-8265.

## Corner

Caraher



### Summer Programs

Using this year's New York State Summer Reading theme, *Picture This, Imagine That - Read!*, Mynderse Library Children's Librarian, Jan Caraccilo has planned a special and exciting summer. In addition to the *Mother Goose Time* for pre-schoolers, and *Summer Reading Club* for grades K - 2 and 3 - 6, there will be three guest performers.

The first guest will be Ellen Stoll Walsh. Ms. Walsh is the author/illustrator of Mouse Paint, Mouse Count, and the Dot and Jaber books. She will explain how a book is created from her imagination.

Nan Hoffman will be the second of our guest performers. In her program, Ms. Hoffman will present songs that have been made into books, songs that have been made from books, songs based on folk tales and other stories, and songs that celebrate reading.

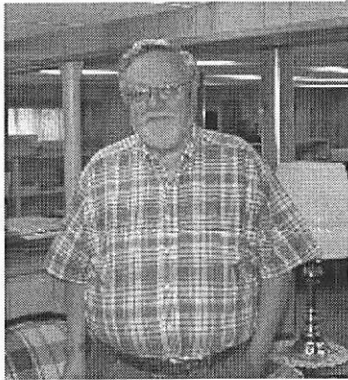
Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss of Beauty and the Beast will present the final program. *Beauty and the Beast* is a well-known Ithaca storytelling company and their stories reflect the oral tradition of literacy.

We will be circulating flyers and placing ads in local publication as to dates and times for these programs. Please call the library if you have any questions at 568-8265.

I also want to give a special thank you to Mrs. Caraccilo for all the hard work in planning, organizing, and booking performers for this year's Summer Reading Program.

Caraher  
Corner

## From the Board



I was born in the old Seneca Falls hospital, lived in the village, and was a regular user of Mynderse Library until I graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1948. After spending five years in college, two in the Army, and working in Schenectady, Rochester, Buffalo, and San Francisco, my wife Ann and I returned to Seneca Falls in the early in 1960s to raise our three very young children (2, 1, and newborn), and have lived on Cayuga Street ever since.

During our first years in Seneca Falls, the Board considered the library a private association, and there was little interest in broadening its reach. The Trustees appointed me a Seneca County representative to the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS) in Ithaca - probably to get me out of their hair! I served 12 years, the maximum allowed by System bylaws, and later was appointed to the Mynderse Library Board of Trustees.

Working in the FLLS, I became more aware of the importance of public libraries to both intellectual and social growth. I also saw the high level of System services to both collections and outreach far beyond what was then able to be offered by Mynderse Library itself. For example, for years the System operated a Bookmobile to bring books each week to its rural areas, including stops in Seneca County. And special rotating book collections were and are continually placed in all member libraries, including ours.

Over the years, Mynderse Library Board of Trustees have come to see the value of the System services and soon became a full-fledged member of the FLLS. Thus began our steady movement toward providing the level of the library services our residents deserve. This long road has now reached a milestone - our new building on Cayuga Street with the increased services and programs it will make possible.

Please make your new Mynderse Library your source for information or just a good book to read. We deeply appreciate all of your contributions to our capital campaign and your support of Mynderse Library. We welcome you all.

— Don Cramer, Mynderse Library Board of Trustees