

Newsletter

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**The DeWitt
Community Library
HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITY
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www.dewlib.org

**The DeWitt
Community Library
will be closed on
Sunday, May 24
& Monday, May 25
for Memorial Day!**

Budget Vote

We continue to serve our patrons in a helpful, welcoming atmosphere with a comprehensive slate of programs for all ages, offered at the level of excellence our patrons have come to expect from your DeWitt Community Library for over 47 years.

- The Dewitt Community Library is supported by an annual grant from the Town of DeWitt and by the taxpayers of the Jamesville-DeWitt School District.
- The Library's proposition on the May 19th ballot relating to the 2009-2010 school district budget equals a \$92,500 increase over our current voter approved funding levels. This amount represents 50% of the current 2009 funding level that the library receives thru the grant from the Town of DeWitt. If successfully voted on and approved, the library will request reduced funding, in like amount, from the Town of DeWitt in 2010. As a result, the library's request represents a 0% increase from the combined funding sources of the Town of DeWitt and the Jamesville-DeWitt School District.

**VOTE ON THE
LIBRARY BUDGET PROPOSITION
ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009
FROM 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.
IN THE GYMNASIUM AT
JAMESVILLE-DEWITT HIGH SCHOOL**

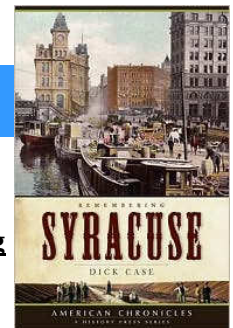
Dick Case at the DCL!

The DeWitt Community Library will welcome **Dick Case**, local historian and author, on **Monday, June 22nd at 7:00 pm**, at the library. Mr. Case will be discussing and signing his new book, **Remembering Syracuse.**

The character of a place is written in the stories of the people who live there, and no one knows this better than Dick Case. For fifty years, his "Neighbors" columns have chronicled the ups and downs of the Syracuse community, bringing into the spotlight the names, traditions and landmarks that might otherwise have slipped through the cracks of history. Author Dick Case dares to tell the overlooked stories of Syracuse's past in this thoughtful compilation where you'll read about Jonathan Bailey, the soldier; Giovanni Gianelli, the craftsman in wood; Jimmy Smith, the short-order cook, and many others whose stories have dropped between the cracks of history—until now. Join us for this look at Syracuse's personal stories.

Registration Encouraged.

Dick Case has worked at the Syracuse Newspapers *Herald-Journal* and *Herald American* for more than 40 years, writing a column four times a week since 1979. He is a graduate of Syracuse University with a masters in history from the SUNY Cooperstown Graduate Program. In addition, he is a member of the Onondaga Historical Society and the Everson Museum of Art. This program is held in collaboration with Creekside Books & Coffee, an independent bookstore and coffeehouse in Skaneateles.



Kids & Teen Corner



The Wizard of Oz Interactive History Event

Tuesday, May 19
@ 7:00 pm

For Ages 12 & up

Hear stories from the life of Oz author L. Frank Baum. View and learn about the books these stories inspired, including one that is 4 feet high!

Light refreshments will be served.

Presented by:

Baum Book Collector & Historian Blair Frodelius
Registration Required.

The Day the Library Went Wild

Friday, June 19

@ 2:00 pm

For all ages!

Jay Mankita presents this participatory concert of 'Wild' Songs & 'Natural' Stories for kids and their families. This show has an ecological focus about rainforests, recycling, dolphins, hibernating, frogs, snakes, mountains, lakes, and the 'wild' human being in all of us.

This concert promotes books, reading, and of course, libraries!

Space is limited & seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Featured Program

Create Change:

Get Clear, Get Focused, Get Moving

Tuesday, May 12 @ 5:30 pm

Friends of the DCL Meeting Room

Learn tools from Neuro-Linguistic technology to silence negative chatter.

5:30-6:00pm - meet speaker Kathy Quinn

6:00-7:00pm - talk with Q&A

Discover the power of Coaching with Neuro-Linguistic technology. Together they are a powerhouse for creating desired change. Our brains are like a bio-computer with early patterns or habits of thought downloaded and running as software. Neurological associations create powerful target images and mind chatter that filter our options and perceptions. The old patterns are outdated neurological maps that no longer support where we want to go today, making change very difficult. Learn strategies and tools for leveraging your target images and shifting into a powerful resource state that supports navigating through both personal and/or work related challenges.

Registration Required.

Murder Mystery

A Weekend for Murder

Friday, June 26 @ 7:00 pm



Are you a fan of whodunnits and crime solving? Discover **motive, means and opportunity** as you set out to solve the crime. Participants will receive their invitation prior to

each event; they will discover who they are upon arrival at the scene of the crime. Additional clues will be revealed as the evening progresses. There's plenty of time to solve the crime, so be sure to enjoy the provided refreshments. A good time will be had by all!

In *A Weekend for Murder*, a famous author invites some special guests for a mystery weekend that naturally ends in murder...

Registration Required. For ages 18 & up!

Preview our Summer Programs

online at www.dewlib.org. Click on our Calendar of Events and check out all our program offerings for adults, teens and kids! You can register for programs at the library or online at www.dewlib.org.

Look for our Summer Guide due out by the end of May.

Plan for Next Year's Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series

2009-2010 Season - A Preview

Sponsored by the Friends of the Central Library, the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series is the largest library-related lecture series in the United States. It offers the Greater Syracuse community a chance to hear world-class authors with a variety of viewpoints talk about their craft, their lives, and what's on their minds.

For the 14th Season, the Authors featured will be:

Khaled Hosseini on Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Geraldine Brooks on Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Pete Hamill on Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Richard Russo on Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Sara Gruen on Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Jeffrey Toobin on Tuesday, May 18, 2010

The Kite Runner, A Thousand Splendid Suns

People of the Book, March, Year of Wonders

Snow in August, North River, A Drinking Life

Empire Falls, Mohawk, Bridge of Sighs, Nobody's Fool

Water for Elephants, Riding Lessons

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court

Have you read their books? Check them out at the DeWitt Community Library or reserve your books online by logging onto www.dewlib.org. Read up on next year's Rosamond Gifford lecturers today!

Digital Audio Downloads

Don't forget Digital Audio Books! Browse or search for your favorite titles in OverDrive Audio Book format from the comfort of your own home. You can choose, checkout, download, and enjoy audio books on your own computer. Take them with you by burning them onto CDs, or transferring them to your portable device.

All you will need is:

- A Valid Library Card & Pin Number
- Access to the Internet
- A PC and/or listening device
- Windows Media Player 9
- Overdrive Media Console

Check it out at: <http://onlib.lib.overdrive.com>



Video Games

Looking for a new game to play?

The DeWitt Community Library has purchased several Wii, Playstation 2 & Playstation 3 games for circulation. Play new and old titles on your game console. Each title is checked out for a 1 week loan period. Some featured titles: *Naruto: Clash of Ninja 2*, *Game Party 2* & *Call of Duty: World at War* for Wii. *Fallout 3*, *007: Quantum of Solace*, & *Mortal Kombat vs DC Universe* for Playstation.

Welcome our New Director

The DeWitt Community Library Association is pleased to announce that Wendy E. Scott has been named Executive Director of the library effective May 18th.

Ms. Scott was most recently assistant director for faculty and outreach services at the Syracuse University College of Law Library and has spent the past twenty years at the law school. In her position at SU she has run public relations programs and events, provided reference and research services, participated in collection development and analysis and taught legal research courses. Prior to her tenure at a library in Leysin, Switzerland, she worked as a reference and art librarian at the Onondaga Public Library in Syracuse.

Wendy is a graduate of Marietta College and holds an MA in Art History and a MLS both from Syracuse University.

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Join us for a Creative Celebration

June 6 from 1:00 – 3:00pm

Celebrate and listen to some of the work generated by *Poetry from Life* (April) workshop participants, hosted by poet Michael Czarnecki. Also, meet student artists from Christian Brothers Academy who graciously supplied artwork as inspiration.

Light refreshment will be served.

A poetry chapbook created from the *Poetry from Life* workshop will be on sale (\$10) to benefit our Friends organization, which sponsored the workshops.

Note: *Poetry from Life* workshop participants will receive one free copy.

Also, hear from those who will be writing during the *Creative Journaling: Stories of Important Women in Your Life* workshop led by writing instructor Carol Madar. There are still openings for the May 9, 16 & 30 workshop.

And, some participants of the Colored Pencil & Craypas Drawing workshops (taught by teaching artist, Jean Somlo) will exhibit & briefly discuss their artwork.

Register for the May workshop or the June 6 reception by calling 446-3578; or clicking into our on-line calendar at www.dewlib.org.

We look forward to seeing you!

Share Your History

Share Your History: Oral History Project

Dates: Saturday, May 9 & 30

Time: 11:00 am

Friends of the

DCL Meeting Room



If you have photos of historic DeWitt, contact the library at 315-446-3578 to donate or share a copy. We can scan your photos for our archives and return originals.

The DeWitt Community Library, in partnership with the DeWitt Preservation & Historical Society and the Cultural Resources Council, is hosting an Oral History Project! We invite the community to participate in this effort to preserve our Town's history for future generations.

In addition, the library is seeking photographs and memorabilia related to our Town's history. Participants of this project are encouraged to "jog" their memories by looking at these artifacts. With the assistance of Daniel Franklin Ward, Ph.D. of the Cultural Resources Council, the library intends to create an exhibit that will be displayed at the library and at Canal Day in Ryder Park on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Registration Required.