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Carnegie Conversations

Our new lecture series, “Carnegie Conversations” will be starting in October.

On Tuesday, Oct 3 at 6:30pm, local historian Joe DiGiorgio will present “Not Really.” History is often flawed by what is left out or what has been added. A particular subject often can be inflated, conflated, or just lied about. It can often be perceived as truth. Narratives can be presented through a sequence of written or spoken words, through still or moving images, or any combination.

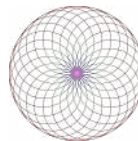


For example, we all have an image of Washington crossing the Delaware from the famous painting, yet almost nothing in it is historically correct. DiGiorgio will give several examples showing how we can be and are deceived from a local to a global perspective.

On Tuesday, Oct 17 at 6:30pm, Jack Henke will speak about “Landmarks in the Oneida Lake Region”. Henke has written several books on Oneida Lake and the area and is currently a librarian in New Hartford.



On Tuesday, Nov 14 at 6:30pm, join us for “Seeking Patterns” with Vince Doty. Mr. Doty tells us that the “F” in Math is not a grade but instead stands for Fun or Fibonacci or Fractals or Fractions. In this conversation, let’s focus on fun and new ways to look at our world and numbers.



Carnegie Conversations will be held on the second floor of the library which is accessible by our elevator. We will always allow time for questions and comments from the audience.

Teen & Adult Trivia

Are you good at trivia? You’ll want to reserve your space to participate in our General Knowledge Trivia. On Wednesday, Oct 25 at 6pm, we’ll have teams compete in this contest. Sounds like so much fun! To participate, register with us at the Circulation Desk or by calling us at 315-697-7030.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9am - 8pm

Friday

9am - 5pm

Saturday

9am - 12pm

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Our Calendar

September

Lawson Room Artist

Jeremiah Gordon

12 6:30pm Author Visit

Kathy Stagnitti

15 10am—4pm Tomato Tasting

20 6:30pm Author Visit

Lorraine Bruno Arsenault

25 6pm

Cooking with Diane

26 6:30pm Author Visit

Sharon Lee Myers

October

3 6:30pm

Carnegie Conversation with
Joe DiGiorgio

17 6:30pm

Carnegie Conversation with
Jack Henke

23 6pm

Cooking with Diane

24 6pm

Daytime Writing Group
20th Anniversary

25 6pm Teen & Adult Trivia

November

Lawson Room Artists are the

Swamp Snappers

13 6pm

Cooking with Diane

14 6:30pm

Carnegie Conversation with
Vince Doty

29 6pm

Crafts with Kathy Bruno

December

Lawson Room Artists are the

Swamp Snappers

6 6pm

Christmas Trees with Tish

7 6:30pm Holiday Concert

11 6pm

Cooking with Diane

13 3pm

Cookie Art for Kids

On-Going Library Happenings

Children

◆ **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program** Sign up for this special reading program where you read with your child every day. For each 100 books read, we offer incentives!

◆ **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** For babies through age 5. Sign up your child to get a book each month from the library and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Details at the library.

◆ **Baby Storytime with Ms. Jocelyn** is for babies up to 24 months and their caregivers. Baby Storytime begins Wednesdays at 10am in the Children's Area from **Sept 13—Dec 20**.

◆ **Pre-K Storytime with Ms. Jocelyn** is for Preschoolers. Storytime begins Mondays at 10am in the Children's Area from **Sept 11—Dec 18**.

◆ **American Girl Book Club** is for 8 to 12 yr olds. We meet on a monthly basis. There is limited space. Call for more information.

Adults

◆ **Scrapbooking** meets at the library on the second Monday of every month at 5:30pm. Bring your projects, including photographs and supplies. The group meets in the Lawson Community Room.

◆ **Geri-Fit**, an exercise group for seniors, meets at the library each week on Monday and Thursday at 10am in the Lawson Community Room. There is no class on the second Monday of each month. Most exercise is done from a chair.

◆ **GED Classes and Tutoring** provides free one on one classes and test preparation for the High School Equivalency Exam. Scheduled by appointment. Call Donna Schaefer at (315) 345-1640.

◆ **Bone Builders** meets each Tuesday at the library at 10am. A program of RSVP, the group is welcoming new members.

◆ **Book Fair** is offered year-round in the lower level of the library in our lounge. Donation based, this is a great way to pick up the books you want to add to your collection.

◆ **Creative Cards & Crafts** meets on the second Monday of every month at 10am. Come and make beautiful cards for your loved ones.

◆ **Party Bridge** is played every Thursday afternoon at the library beginning at 1pm. Participants should be experienced Bridge Players!

◆ **Writing Groups:** There are two writing groups meeting at the library. One is an afternoon group and meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon at 3pm each month. The second meets the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

◆ **Thursday Night and Friday Morning Knitting Groups** welcome new and experienced knitters and crocheters. The Thursday Night Knitters meet at 5:30pm. Friday Morning Knitters meet at 10am.

◆ **Ukulele Club:** Accepting new members. See Page 3.

Cooking with Diane

Diane Roncinske's Cooking Demonstrations have been so popular that she will be holding them on one Monday each month from September through December for interested patrons. Each session will begin at 6pm in the Lawson Community Room. If you are interested in attending, please contact the library to reserve your spot! Space is limited! The dates and item that will be made are as follows:

Sept 25: Homemade Pasta

Oct 23: Jack O'Lantern Cream Puffs

Nov 13: Cake Pie for Thanksgiving

Dec 11: Puff Pastry Appetizers (both sweet and savory)

Happy 20th Anniversary

Our Daytime Writers Group, coordinated by Tish and Dean Dickinson, started here at the library twenty years ago. At that time, the Poet Michael Czarnecki came to the library to offer a "Palm of Hand Memoir Writing Workshop". The workshop attendees were so enthusiastic about writing that a club was born! The celebration for the anniversary will be held on Tuesday, October 24th in the Children's Room beginning at 6pm. The public is invited to hear some of the works of this accomplished group of writers!



Ukulele News

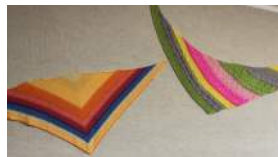
There will be a 4 week series of "Beginner Ukulele Lessons" on Saturdays beginning September 16th from 10am to 10:30am and ending on October 7th. If you do not have a ukulele but would like to try out this program, the library has some ukuleles that may be borrowed with your library card. Call the library at 315-697-7030 to reserve your spot.



"Ukulele Play-in Sessions" for non-beginners will be held on Saturdays from Sept.16 to Dec. 9. The sessions will run from 10:30am to 11:45am. No need for sign-ups, just come when you can!

Mark Your Calendar

Each year, our knitting groups organize a fundraiser for our Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This year, in January and February, the knitters will offer a shawl auction! Please watch for more information in the new year! We will be taking bids beginning in January with a drawing just before Valentine's Day.



Book Clubs

Book Chat meets at 2pm:

Sept 26 Remarkably
Bright Creatures
by
Shelby Van Pelt

Oct 31 Postscript Murders
by Elly Griffiths

Nov 28 Nest by
Cynthia D'Aprix
Sweeney

Lit Club meets at 10:30am:

Sept 18 The Sweetness
of Water
by Nathan Harris

Oct 16 When the Stars
Go Dark
By Paula McLain

Nov 20 Maid: Hard
Working, Low Pay
and a Mother's
Will to Survive
by Stephanie Land

Dec 11 A Wedding in
December
by Anita Shreve

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prior to the meetings.*

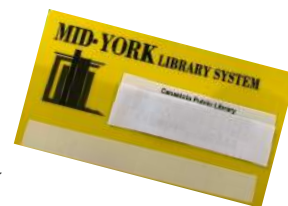
Annual Report to Our Community

Since 1896, the Canastota Public Library has been providing services to the community. The current building was erected in 1902 with a \$10,000 grant from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie and an agreement from the community to provide continued support for the library.



We are so happy to report annual news to you about the library and our services.

- With a population of 9,457, we have 4,922 Canastota Library Card Holders.
- The library is open to the public for 55 hours each week, Monday through Saturday.
- Our circulation in 2022 was 46,079, a 2.32% increase from circulation numbers in 2021.
- The library has 55,198 holdings, including books, printed magazines, digital and audio visual materials that may be borrowed.
- In total, we held 509 programs in the last year, with an attendance of 4,561 people.
- Total annual visits to the library were 23,712.
- The library budget has been \$334,822 since 2018.



Recent renovations to the library include a new roof which was installed in June of 2023. The replacement roof was partially funded by a New York State Construction grant.

Some of our most popular programs currently include a 3D Printer, The Canastota Seed Library, Wonderbooks, the Libby App, a growing Large Print collection of books, our Ongoing Book Fair, Tax Assistance for Seniors and our Discount Passes to area parks, museums and other attractions.



Other services that we offer here at the library include a FAX machine, Copier, Laminating Machine, Public Use computers with internet connection, as well as technical support for computers, tablets and smart phones.



One of our early literacy programs, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library, is very popular in the community. This program enables children from birth to kindergarten age, to receive books from the Dolly Parton Foundation. The library shares a portion of the cost along with the Dolly Parton Foundation. There are currently 305 children enrolled in the Canastota area. Since April of 2012, we have had 790 children graduate from the program.

Our Year In Review Continued

Last year's regular programs were many and varied. We provided the following:

- Three Book Clubs (Afternoon and Evening as well as an American Girl Book Club)
- Three Writing Groups (Two for Adults, one for Teens)
- Three Knitting Groups (Thursday, Friday and Monthly on the First Saturday). Our knitters donated hundreds of knitted items to area charities in the past year.
- Weekly Bridge Club
- Geri-Fit Exercise
- Bone Builder's Exercise
- Baby Storytime and Pre-K Storytime
- Chair Caning Lessons
- Ukulele Lessons and a Ukulele Group
- Scrapbooking
- Bereavement Groups
- Seed Exchange and Plant Swap
- Monthly Art Exhibits
- Special Lectures and Events
- Crafting Programs
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Guest Speakers
- Escape Rooms for adults and children
- Guest Performers
- Summer Reading Program activities including crafts and performers
- Early Literacy Programs like the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Initiative



Many patrons who are working on family genealogy research, use the library computers to access Ancestry and Heritage Quest websites at no charge.

The Canastota Public Library serves as a "Community Center" where dozens of nonprofit groups, and organizations are able to meet for free. We also provide space for student tutoring and GED tutoring.

If you would like to help to financially support the library, monetary gifts of any size are always welcomed and appreciated. Your support helps us to fund our many programs for the community.



Children's Programming

This year, we are making several changes to our Storytimes and have added Baby Sensory Play Sessions for October. We hope that you will check out all of these programs with your infants and Pre-schoolers.

The library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program is one of our early literacy programs to help your child get ready for school. This program offers tips, book suggestions and incentives for every 100 books read! This is a self-directed program with lots of assistance from the library.

Storytimes will look a little different this year. Pre-K Storytime with Ms. Jocelyn will be held each Monday at 10am beginning Sept 11 through Dec 18. Pre-K Storytime is for children over age 2 to age 5. No RSVP required for Pre-K Storytime.

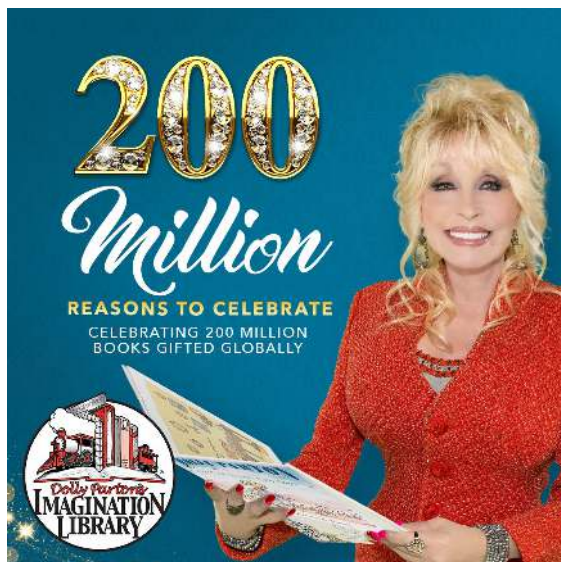


Ms. Jocelyn will also be offering a Baby Storytime for children aged 24 months and younger on Wednesdays at 10am beginning Sept 13 through Dec 20. No reservations are necessary for these weekly sessions.

Each Friday in October (October 6, 13, 20 and 27), Baby Sensory Play Time will be offered at 10am. This sensory program offers ten self-directed sensory stations where your child, 24 months and younger, can experience the senses of smell, touch, hearing and sight. Due to limited space, we can only accept ten families to participate. Please contact us at the library (315) 697-7030 to reserve a spot for your child and parent or caregiver.



Our Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program is still going strong. This autumn, we are celebrating with the Dolly Parton Foundation as they have gifted 200 million books world-wide. Locally, we have over 300 children currently enrolled in the program. Please stop in the library to learn more about this program and to sign up! Just had a baby? You can sign up your child at birth.



A Community Tomato Tasting
Have a bounty of tomatoes from your garden? Bring them in to be sampled, or simply come to taste! We'll feature many varieties of cherries, slicers, paste tomatoes.

**Friday Sept. 15th
10am-4pm**

**All entries must be submitted
by 4pm Thurs. 9/14**



Holiday Crafts

Kathy Bruno will help us to create beautiful decorated slate crafts on Wednesday, Nov 29 at 6pm. All materials will be provided and you will leave with a decorative item to use in your home this holiday season. Please call us to reserve your spot as there is limited space available.

Create your very own miniature Christmas Tree with Tish Dickinson at the library on Wednesday, Dec 6 at 6pm. The group will meet in the Lawson Room on the lower level of the library. All materials will be provided. You will just need to bring your creativity to personalize your tree! Please be sure to contact the library to reserve your space for this fun holiday craft. Space is limited.



Sounds of Praise

Get into the spirit of the season by joining us for a Holiday Concert with "Sounds of Praise," formerly "Women of Song." This year's Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday, Dec 7 at 6:30 pm in the Children's Room. The Sounds of Praise musicians and singers will share their joy of the holiday season by making beautiful music. You can even sing along, if you'd like!



Cookie Art for Kids

Kids, come and create a work of art by decorating some Christmas Cookies! We will be creating our masterpieces on Wednesday, Dec 13 starting at 3pm. This program is geared towards kids from ages 9 to 12. All materials will be provided. Space is limited so we must request that you RSVP by calling us at the library.



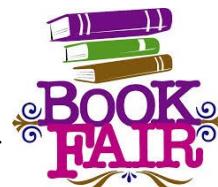
Kids Holiday Store

The Holiday Store Project, for kids, ages 5—12, will be held again this year. It's an opportunity for young people to earn points that can be used to shop in our Holiday Store! Beginning in November, kids can stop in and sign up at the main desk for this program. You will also get book report forms at that time. All you need to do is read age appropriate books and complete up to 10 book report forms. Each report will earn you "points" that you can use to shop in our Holiday Store. Beginning Dec. 11th, hand in your report and sign up for your time to visit the Store. On the specified date, you can shop for presents for family and friends and even wrap those gifts!



Book Donations

We are always interested in donations of new books (up to five years old) to be used in our on-going Book Fair. If we do not have the particular book on our shelves, we may add it to our collection. Unfortunately, we cannot accept books with damage or ripped pages. Other items that we cannot accept, as we have no market for them, are textbooks, old magazines, any book containing marks, underlining or other defacements, illegal, stolen or pirated copies of copyrighted materials, encyclopedias and Readers Digest condensed books. If you have books to donate, please bring them to the Circulation Desk and a staff member will help you to determine if we can accept your gifts. Many thanks for supporting our ongoing Book Fair in the lower level of the library.



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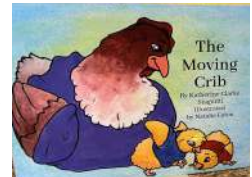
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Local Author Visits

We are very fortunate to showcase local authors with book readings. This fall, we have three author visits scheduled.

On Tuesday, Sept 12 at 6:30pm in the Children's Room, Kathy Stagnitti will talk about her children's series. These stories were lovingly recorded to share with her grandchildren. The library staff loved these stories so much that we encouraged Kathy to publish them. Kathy's books will be on sale for \$10 each at this reading. All proceeds will benefit the Canastota Public Library's Dolly Parton Imagination Library.



Author Lorraine Bruno Arsenault will provide a reading of her newest book, "Clay Cup" at the library on Wednesday, Sept 20 at 6:30pm in the Children's Area. "Clay Cup" is book of poetry and prose. Arsenault is a mother, business woman, yoga teacher, poet, author and energy healer. This is her second book. "Clay Cup" will be available at the reading. The book is also available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and through Clare Song Bird Publishing. The book retails for \$15.95.



Sharon Lee Myers will premiere her newly published children's book on Tuesday, Sept 26 at 6:30pm in the Children's Room. The book, "Oak, Crow and Star: A Tale of Magical Friendships" will be available for purchase and author signing for \$20.



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