

# The Bibliophiles



The Newsletter of the Portville Free Library and the Friends of the Portville Free Library

Fall 2019

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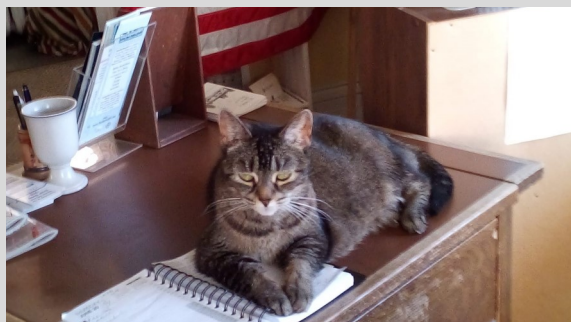
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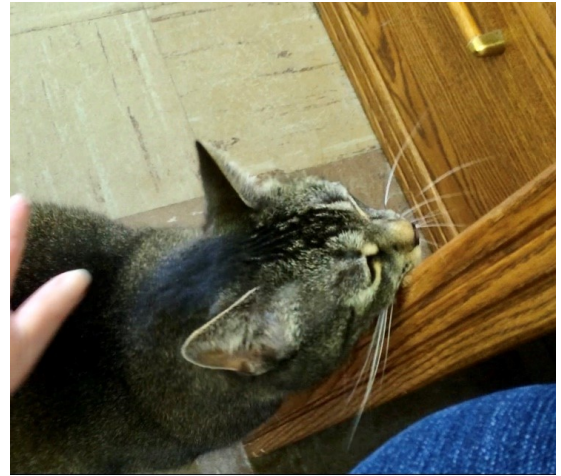
Miss Read

2006 - July 31, 2019



# Forever in Our Hearts

I have better pictures of Miss Read, ones without my blurry hand on her back or my pant leg in the corner. But this is the picture that tells my story with our library cat the best and shows her as I'll always remember her. I didn't see Miss Read every day but after the start we had I was lucky to see her at all. She knew I had four dogs at home and that shortly after I came, her



beloved Rachel left. She hissed at me. She arched her back and ran sideways. Sometimes, if I tried too hard, she even smacked me. But I was persistent and I won her over. (Treats in my desk helped.) We soon settled into a routine. When I was the most involved in my work she would appear beside my desk and wait for a treat, after announcing herself with a "meow". I'd treat and she'd move on. But sometime during that first year she began eating her treat and staying. I'd pet her and she'd rub her face on the corner of my desk and the file cabinet, just in case she forgot later that I was no longer the enemy. We were friends, close enough friends that sometimes she'd stare at me from the other side of the room until I'd come sit on the couch with her. There she'd occasionally get a little smart with me, but it meant something different by then. It meant that she wasn't ready for me to get up and leave her. I know how she felt. After thirteen years as our faithful friend we weren't ready for her to leave us.



# Fall News



The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Election Day Pie Sale on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> during normal library hours, 10-5. Donations are greatly appreciated. Please sign up at the circulation desk or call 716-933-8441.

Be sure and bring your trick or treaters to the library Halloween night! We'll be handing out candy during regular trick or treating hours, from 6 pm – 8pm.

Tickets for this year's Friends of the Library turkey raffle are available at the library or from Friends members. The winner will be drawn on Friday, November 22nd. Turkey pickup day is Tuesday, November 26th at Sprague's. We are grateful to Sprague's for providing us with the opportunity to conduct this important fund raiser.



November 3 -9, 2019

Check our website for event announcement

# Christmas Events

## TREE TRIMMING

The Friends of the Library will meet on December 2nd at 6:00 pm. All members of our Friends group, or anyone who would like to join are welcome to attend.

## MITTEN TREE

Once again, the library will be collecting mittens and gloves along with scarves and hats for children in need. Bring your donations and hang them on the tree in the lift room by December 9th. The donations are always gratefully welcomed by the families served by the Food Pantry here in Portville.



## A VISIT FROM ST. NICK

Santa Claus will be stopping by to visit with kids on Saturday, December 7th at 10:30 am. Bring your camera and capture the joy as your child talks to Santa. In addition, your child will enjoy a Christmas story and craft project.



## Cattaraugus Gives

Since 2012, the Tuesday following Thanksgiving in the US has become a day to shine a spotlight on generosity. Giving Tuesday began as a collaboration between New York City's 92nd Street Y and the United Nations Foundation and has grown into a global day of giving. Becoming involved at a local level is encouraged, and those wishing to donate to our library on that day can do so through the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. Their Giving Tuesday initiative is known as Cattaraugus Gives. Cattaraugus Gives is a 24-hour online fundraising event that begins on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at midnight and ends at 11:59. Gifts of any amount made through our website during that time are impactful because the Foundation offers additional monetary incentives that are based on the number of gifts given at particular times. A link for this event will be on our webpage, in addition to a link that can be used for giving year-round.

## Reading with the Mayor

Thanks to a grant from the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau, we are very pleased to be in the process of planning an event for children with Portville mayor Dr. Anthony Evans. Kids and parents are invited to join Mayor Evans here at the library for stories and refreshments. The date has just been set for Saturday, December 14th. Check our website for the time.



## Library Improvements

Most of the library improvement projects mentioned in the spring newsletter were completed this summer. These include painting the exterior of the building and renovation of the downstairs restroom. We are very pleased with the professional results from both the projects. Almost everyone who uses the restroom comments on how different it looks! Parents with young children will be glad to know that there is now a changing table available. In addition to these projects, the fire safety system has been updated. The balustrade is still a work in progress, but will be a welcome addition when it is completed.





# KIDS' CORNER



## Summer Reading 2019: A Universe of Stories

We had another busy summer here at the library. Our theme, "A Universe of Stories", took us on an adventure into space. Sixty-seven children and seven teens signed up to enjoy our program.

Bev Jones from Pfeiffer Nature Center kicked off our theme with some stories, an exciting outdoor game and some crafts.

During the summer, the youngest children enjoyed author Frank Asch's stories *Happy Birthday*, *Moon* and *Bear Shadow*. *There's No Place Like Space* by Tish Rabe and *Astronaut Handbook* by Meghan McCarthy were also enjoyed by young and old alike. These books are available to check out at our library.

### STORY HOUR

**Toddler: Ages 18 months-2+**  
**Fridays at 11:00 am**



**NEW TIME**  
**Preschool: Ages 3-4+**  
**Fridays at 3:30 pm**

### HOMESCHOOLING AT THE LIBRARY

Join us Mondays at 2:00

K-2  
Stories and Crafts

Grades 3 and Up  
STEM Activities

Call 716-933-8441 for more information

# Summer Programming

In August, we welcomed art instructor Charlotte YerpeStock , who presented a workshop for adults and teens. All materials were provided so that each participant could create a corn husk doll.

Kids, accompanied by a parent or other adult, were invited to visit the library for a six week Summer Cooking Camp. Important food preparation skills were taught by preparing recipes such as Nachos Reinvented and Sunshine Rollups. The program was presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County.





## A Real Cool Place!

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, patrons and staff enjoyed a cooler experience here at the library this past summer. In addition to the unit that was already in the circulation room, three new window air conditioners were purchased and placed in the lift room, the computer room and the reference room. We appreciate all that our Friends do for us. If you would like to join the Friends, please fill out the form below and bring it to the library or mail it to us at P.O. Box 768, Portville, NY 14770. The Friends meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

### FRIENDS OF THE PORTVILLE LIBRARY

#### *ANNUAL DUES*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$3.00

Patron \$20.00

Family \$5.00

Benefactor \$50.00 and above

Contributor \$10.00



# Memorials

In Memory of: **Ann Brunner**; Given by: Portville American Legion Auxiliary 814

In Memory of: **Mary Ann Pezzimenti**; Given by: Jan Caya

In Memory of: **Anne Dusenbury**; Given by: Kathleen (Eaton) Sprague.

In Memory of **George Gigliotti**; Given by: Leonard and Donna Reed

In Memory of **Leon Frost**; Given by: Joyce Miller

In Memory of **Jerrie Lafever**; Given by: Portville American Legion Auxiliary 814

In Memory of: **Virginia Flanagan**; Given by: Shawn and Heather Wray

## Calendar of Events

**November 11 - Closed for Veteran's Day**

**November 28, 29 & 30 - Closed for Thanksgiving**

**December 24 & 25 - Closed for Christmas**

**January 1 - Closed for New Year's Day**

**January 20 - Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**February 8 - Valentine's Day Book and Candy Sale**

**February 17 - Closed for Presidents' Day**

**May 25 - Closed for Memorial Day**

**The Friends meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:30**

**Book Club is held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00**



**family movie and popcorn**

Saturday mornings  
at 10:30



**BOOK SALE**

Stop in any time we're open and find great deals on  
gently used books, movies and puzzles.

Visit us to borrow:

*Books*

*Music CDs*

*DVDs*

*Magazines*

*Audiobooks on CD*

We also offer:

*Interlibrary Loan*

*Books and Audiobooks to Download*

*Community Room*

*Paperback and Puzzle Exchange*

*Tax Forms*

*Fax Service*

*Color Copy Service*

*Computers and Basic Computer Help*

## *Library Hours*

Monday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Wednesday

Thursday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



*Winter hours in effect until June*