

A Glance @ Guernsey

National Library Week: Communities Thrive @ Your Library by Sarah Wiggins



This year National Library Week is being celebrated April 11 – April 17. Guernsey Memorial Library has many activities planned for the week. We will start our celebration early in the month with a poetry reading and workshop held by Andrei Guriuanu, the Poet Laureate for Broome County 2009-10. This 3 hour program will be April 3, 2010 starting 1:00 pm. This event was funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc. with public

funds from The New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. This program is open to all.

Next, the library is hosting Author Johanna Sophia, who will do a reading from her new book entitled “Freedom, fun, genius: turning learning into an adventure”. This program is scheduled for April 15, 2010 from 4:30–6:30 pm.

On April 17, the library, along with NYSCA/ Chenango County Council of the Arts will present noted photographer Victor Petryakov and his exhibit

entitled, “Lament for the Beach” This lecture will focus on environmental art and is open to everyone.

Beyond these programs, the library will be celebrating the contributions of our volunteers and library staff.

We hope you will mark your calendars and come join in our National Library Week celebrations.

Congratulations to Dorie Jackson, retiring after many years of wonderful service!

The Board Speaks...by Barb Collins

We have a new Board member! Our Board of Trustees is made up of five members serving staggered five year terms. All are residents of the Norwich City School District and are elected to their positions. Since last September we have been working with only four members due to a vacancy created by the resignation of Lori Doliver. We were very sorry to see Lori go but she was relocating out of state. After searching several months for a replacement we are happy to announce that Amy Doliver (Lori’s sister) has stepped forward to fill the vacancy. She has been appointed by the library BOT to fill the open position until the next election which is coming up in May of this year.

If elected she will then serve on the board for the next five years. Amy was born and raised in Norwich and works as a social worker for Chenango County. We are very pleased to have Amy aboard. Welcome Amy!



Staff Picks

Top 10 Books for teens...and older

1. **Hawksong** by Amelia Atwater Rhodes
2. **Looking Glass Wars** by Frank Beddor
3. **Demon’s Lexicon** by Sarah Rees Brennan
4. **Marked** by P.C. Cast
5. **City Of Bones** by Cassandra Clare
6. **Ruins Of Gorlan** by John Flanagan
7. **Inkheart** by Cornelia Funke
8. **Eon** by Alison Goodman
9. **Eragon** by Christopher Paolini
10. **The Alchemyst** by Michael Scott

By Sue Morehead

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Staff Spotlight on Kim Hazen by Sarah Wiggins

Kim Hazen is the Children's librarian at Guernsey Library. She has been here for almost four years. Kim is a native of Buffalo, New York where she earned the Masters of Library Science on 2000. In addition to the MLS, Kim took a few classes in school library media. Kim's undergraduate degrees are: BA in Sociology and AAS in Early Childhood Education. She admits that she originally wanted to be a teacher but eventually became a librarian after being encouraged by the public library manager to join the profession. She also appreciates that librarianship offer more variety in the work for example she can teach a story time session then does collection development then work with the public and so on. As mentioned, Kim was encouraged while in college but her work in libraries began even before that.

She volunteered in her high school library with a friend then went on to work in libraries throughout her college days. Beyond work Kim is into exercising whether at home or at the gym. She spends lots of time walking, on the treadmill and on the weight machines. She is a fan of Leslie Sansone and Ellen Barrett and frequently watches their DVD's. One thing that people don't know about Kim is that she eats healthy and is really into good nutrition. She exercises every day unless she is sick. Kim also is learning to knit and likes computers and video games. Her favorite book is Walk Two Moons and she also likes Nicolas Sparks books. Her dislikes include long car drives and ironically, she doesn't like the snow.

As for her work, Kim wants to learn as much as she can about the profession and she appreciates that the children in this community are very active, enthusiastic and a lot of them like to read. She plans to offer more programs for after-school kids and for the teens in the community. She plans to develop pathfinders for books and to update the children's collections with more current materials.

Kim enjoys her work so much that she confided that even if she won the lottery she would continue to working in the library---at least for a while.

Reviews by Sue...The Paris Vendetta by Steve Berry

Publication Date: 2009

Number of Pages: 418 pages

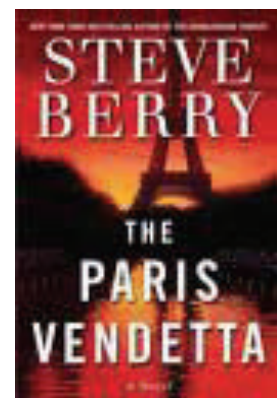
Plot Summary: A middle-of-the-night break in at his Copenhagen bookstore draws former Justice Department agent Cotton Malone into a situation involving his friend Danish businessman Henrik Thorvaldsen. Thorvaldsen has uncovered a plot involving a group of multimillionaires called the Paris Club who plan to manipulate the global economy with possibly disastrous results.

His friend also has a more personal motive for foiling this conspiracy – one of the club members is responsible for the death of his son. Malone must choose between friend and country as he goes up against a terrorist-for-hire and begins a hunt for Napoleon's legendary lost treasure, in the hope of averting world financial disaster and keeping his friend alive.

Subject Headings: Suspense

Similar Authors: James Rollins; Raymond Khoury

Appeal/Special Features: non-stop action; well-researched



Children's Corner...Spring Break Celebration by Kim Hazen

On April 19, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. children's author Steve Charney will bring fun and laughter to the Guernsey Memorial Library through an educational show entitled *Promoting Literacy with Magic, Music, and Ventriloquism*. The free show will feature magic, music, ventriloquism, and comedy. Steve and his dummy, Harry will show children just how much fun it is to read! Mr. Charney is a nationally known child's entertainer, magician, musician, ventriloquist, radio personality, songwriter, children's author, and recording artist.

Steve has been profiled in the 'New Yorker' magazine for his nationally distributed radio show and has written dozens of songs for Jim Henson's 'Bear in the Big Blue House' which airs on the Disney Channel. Mr. Charney's books and music have been published by Crown, Disney, Troll, Metacom, Meadowbrook Press, Scholastic Inc., Ceres Press, and Sterling Publishing.



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The Value of Reading Old Newspapers by Kathy Barton

Some may wonder why anyone would want to read old newspapers. Of what value is old news useful for? As a researcher I can say that one can learn a great deal about the country, state, county, town or city that we live in. You could liken newspapers as a type of diary, a record of the daily events of what was happening in the country or other countries abroad. It records state news as well as the local events or activities of individuals. What agricultural improvements and suggestions for area farmers, proper social etiquette for men and women, who died, married or was born, and much, much more. Newspapers have only been around for a few hundred years here in The United States. Sad to say, though, that many early newspapers no longer exist and those that do are either fragments or a few issues. Those that have survived were most likely saved by its creator or a person who collected newspapers for its content. The Guernsey Library is fortunate to have some early titles of newspapers printed in the Norwich area. We have preserved them by having them microfilmed and as age takes its toll on the originals their image and information will continue to be

around for many years to come. One of our earliest newspaper titles is The Norwich Journal and the earliest date microfilmed for that paper is November 14, 1816 thru September 1, 1830. There are several issues missing but that is to be expected. We also have several other Norwich newspaper journals on microfilm. Many early papers were printed once a month and as printing capabilities improved they came to be printed once or twice a week. Today we are fortunate to have The Evening Sun on a daily basis keeping us abreast of what is happening around us. This paper we also have preserved on microfilm up thru the end of 2008. The paper that newspaper is printed on today does not hold up well and we are pleased that last year we were able to complete microfilming The Evening Sun up to the end of 2008. This is now a project that can be maintained by microfilming once a year and lowers our local history budget. In reading older newspapers I have also noticed the different styles of writing.



In many of the older newspapers the journalist wrote with a flare that could leave quite a picture in your mind. Some were short, direct and to the point. They went right to the heart of the matter and it seemed that those papers held much more news than they do today. They had to have a good command of the English language and needed to know correct grammar and punctuation. The type set was also done by hand and was hard work. Those who produced those newspapers took great pride in their work and strived to put out a perfect paper. In today's age of technology, journalists rely on computers to catch spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. However, computers don't always catch errors.

The Value of Reading Old Newspapers ...cont'

A word could be spelled correctly but not be the one intended. Years before they had to use typewriters and had to be very accurate and even though computers use the red and green squiggles to indicate an error a good writer will always proof read to catch those errors that a computer does not. Failing to do so will mean an article printed and preserved will carry that error for all to read to time indefinite. So whether your interest lies in politics, history, genealogy or the daily life of our area feel free to load on a reel of micro-film to our reader and take a spin back into history and see what news of great value you can find.

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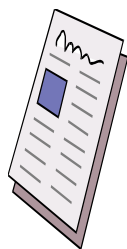
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Tuesday	9:00 am—8:30 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am—8:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 am—8:30 pm
Friday	9:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am—4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm—4:00 pm

*The Library will be closed on
Easter Sunday.*