

volunteers welcomed

If you're interested in volunteering with the Friends of the Olean Library, contact: friendsofoleanlibrary@gmail.com
We could use you: on our board, at our meetings, on our event committees, at our events



Reach out today!



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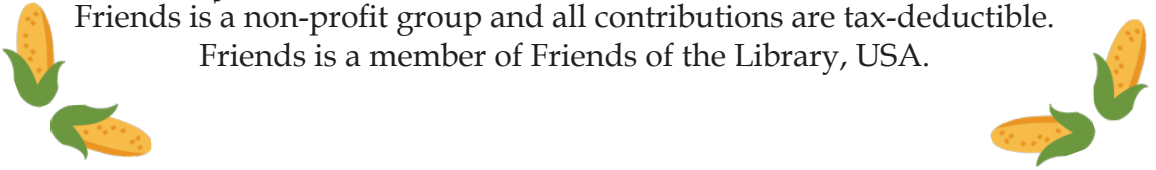
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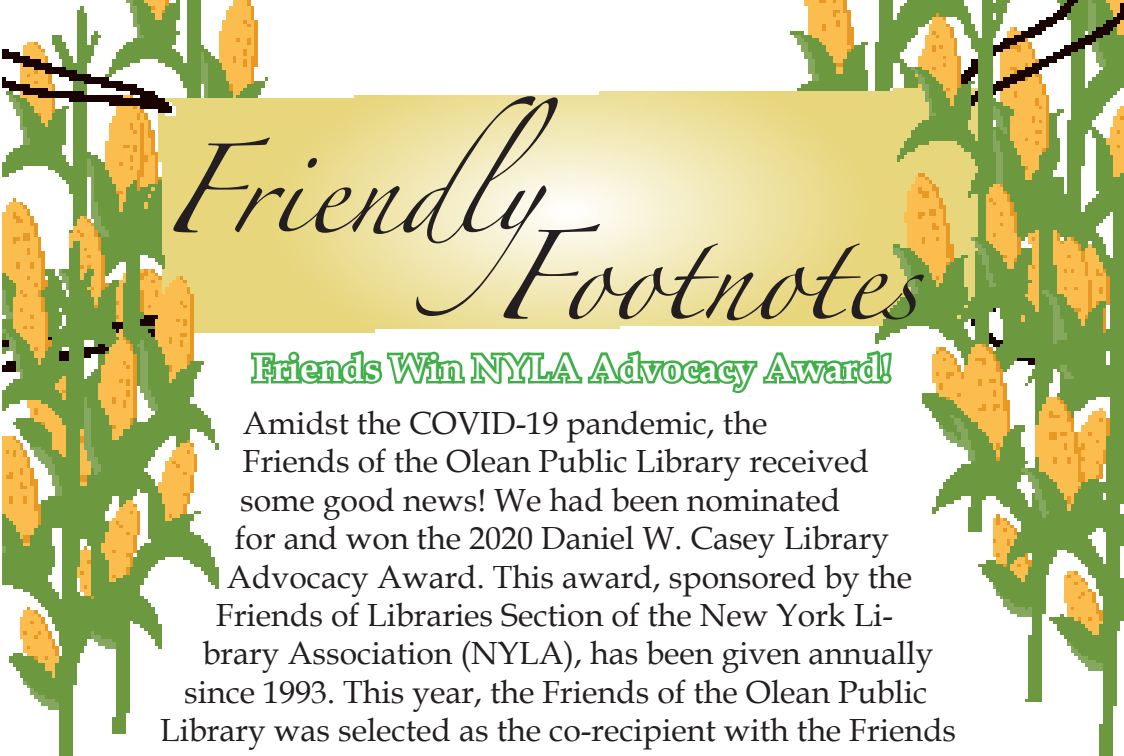
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Early December**
Friends to announce Poetry Contest winners
December 10, 17, 24 - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Olean Together Apart
- December 15- 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**
Brown Bag Book Club VIA Zoom
- December 7, 14, 21 - 5:30 PM**
Checkers Library TV for Kids VIA Facebook
- December 29 - 6:30 PM**
Race Unity Circle Book Club
- February 19 - 5:30 PM**
FeBREWary
- March 2021**
Annual Bookmark Contest

Keep up with all library events at:
www.facebook.com/oleanpubliclibrary/events



Friendly Footnotes

Friends Win NYLA Advocacy Award!

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Friends of the Olean Public Library received some good news! We had been nominated for and won the 2020 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award. This award, sponsored by the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association (NYLA), has been given annually since 1993. This year, the Friends of the Olean Public Library was selected as the co-recipient with the Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Park Public Library. The Friends Board accepted this award on behalf of all of its members at a virtual ceremony on November 10. You will be able to view the award on the right hand wall as you enter the library.

We can't thank the Library board, staff, and director enough for nominating us for this prestigious award. In our nomination letter, library director Michelle La Voie cited our creative fundraising, assistance at Library events, and our advocacy of the library locally and at the state level. "They've worked many years assisting the Olean Public Library to be a cornerstone, not only of the City of Olean, but of the greater region."

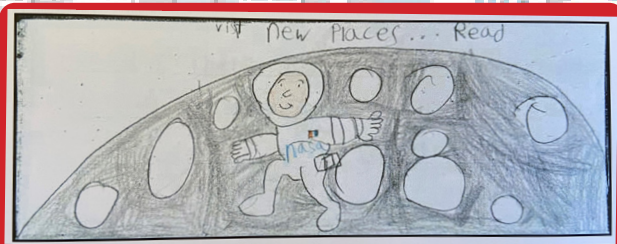
We share this award with the volunteers and patrons of the library. Thank you for coming to our events, for buying books at our book sale, and for supporting the wonderful library we all love.

Here is to many more years of fund- and friend-raising!

Left to Right: Jan Comstock, Riley Eike, Andrew Giardini, Betsy Matz, Paula Bernstein, Coach Lindamer, Cookie Lindamer, Al Bernstein, Mary Giardini, Tom Jacobs, Cathy Lemon, Helen Ruggieri, Peg Bothner, and Carole McNall all celebrate the news of their award at the Bartlett Country Club.



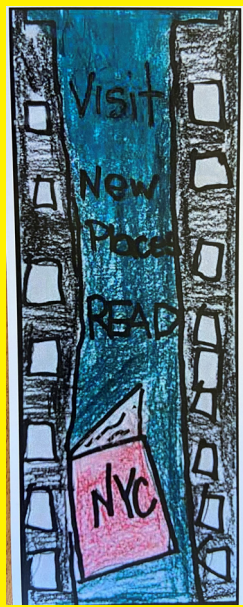
Visit New Places...Read!!



By Esteban, a 3rd grader from Allegany-Limestone.



By Colin, a 5th grader from Portville.



By Brian, a 4th grader from Hinsdale.



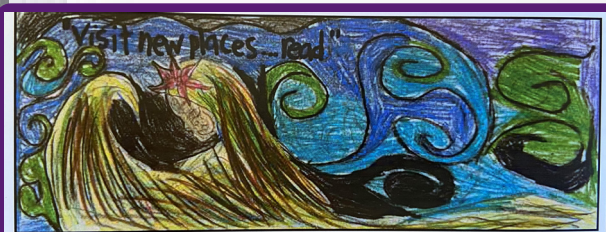
By Brielle, a 3rd grader from Eastview Elementary.



Student Bailey Johnsen and her bookmark.



By Lorenzo, a 5th grader from Olean Intermediate Middle School.



By Myra, a 3rd grader from Washington West.

The Friends' annual bookmark contest took participants to new places! Individual winners were chosen from each participating classroom in area schools. School winners were then chosen from that group and are displayed here. All were invited to participate in a drop-in reception at the library where the bookmarks were on display. Normally, we would have honored winners in a ceremony in the spring, but because of the Covid pandemic, we had to modify. Congratulations to the winners and all the students who took part. Thanks to the volunteer judging team, coordinated by Friends board member Peg Bothner, and to all of the teachers for their support and assistance.



The Friends and volunteers celebrate the end to another successful event.
Back (L): Michelle La Voie, Darlene Connelly, Megan Connelly, Cathy Lemon, Paula Bernstein
Middle: Marlaine Robinson, Kaitlin Field, Mary Giardini, Riley Eike, Jan Comstock, Betsy Matz, Helen Ruggieri, Judy Lewicki, Carole McNall, Amanda Lemon
Front: Tom Jacobs



Dr. Ashley Luedke and Dr. James Pientka pose for the camera during the event.



Riley Eike, Carole McNall, and the late Steve McNall enjoy a night of beer and friendship.

FeBREWary 2020 seems like a lifetime ago, but we can't thank you enough: Jarrod, Hector and everyone at Four Mile Brewing, Randy Sanzo, Rob Barrey and Sanzo Beverage, Danny Kallenbach at Tasta Pizza, Ann Marie Wright, Annette Donovan at the SBU Bookstore, SBU Athletics, Laura Lamb, and the Olean Public Library Board and Staff for all of their support, and all of our attendees!



Paula Bernstein passes out raffle prizes to the winners. Mary Isaman and Maggie Nuss celebrate!

announcement:

We missed you in September for our Read Between the Wines event! Our solution: plan a safe, socially distant, FeBREWary WITH wine! Keep an eye out for more details!

Don't miss our 3rd annual

FeBREWary

February 19, 2021
time - TBD

A safe evening of beer AND wine tasting, appetizers and a basket raffle.

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