TFL Board of Trustees

As many of you know we are well on our way in our fundraising efforts to raise money for our revitalization project. This is an incredibly exciting time for the library - we are not only fixing structural issues with our building, but we are rethinking our strategic plan to incorporate a vibrant vision for the future. Currently, we are in the “quiet” phase of our fundraising campaign where we are reaching out to local and national companies, as well as looking for grants.

We are also in the “outreach” phase as represented by our very fun and successful “Books and Brews” event at ONCO last year. We sent out information mailers to over 6,000 individuals representing the entire Tully school district in 2023. Stay tuned for more upcoming activities!

To date we have raised almost $140K and received a grant of $725K from NY State Library Development. The Onondaga County Legislative Project has donated $20K, The Health Foundation of Western & Central New York $10K, Assembly Member Lemonides procured $2K from Onondaga County and Sky High Solar has also generously given us $2K. We have also received numerous donations from friends of the Tully Free Library.

The Board of the TFL is very grateful for the support and generosity of our community. After much thought, we have chosen to design a mural of a tree that will be prominently displayed on a wall of our library. The leaves and roots will be labeled with the names of donors indicating the interconnection between our library, the strength of a tree, and our community. Together, our library and our community will flourish.

From Our President

It is such an honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Tully Free Library Board of Trustees. Every member of the Board values the contributions of the library to the health and well-being of our community and seeks to promote its vitality and responsiveness.

Over the next few months, the Board will be supporting our talented staff as they offer a dynamic summer reading program and prepare for temporary relocation of library activities. The long-awaited construction project will begin in early fall with focus on ensuring a solid infrastructure, enhancing accessibility for all staff and patrons, and maximizing space use while maintaining our charming, homelike environment.

In the busy months ahead be assured the Board continues to seek your feedback and creative ideas. Board meetings are open to the public, our minutes and materials are available for review and discussion. We can schedule special meeting times to answer questions and hear concerns. Later in 2024, we will be seeking more formal feedback from the community as we begin work on an updated Library strategic plan. The Board and the staff are committed to building a future in which Tully Free Library serves as a hub of learning, connection, and cultural enrichment.

Ann Sedore
President
TFL Board of Trustees

Upcoming Meetings:
June: No Board Meeting
July: 7/23 at 5:30PM
August: 8/27 at 5:30PM
**Tykes Time: Play & Learn!**
It's Play Time! Join our Children's Librarian Mrs. Shepard for games, stories, songs, activities, and more! This program is intended for toddlers and young learners. Parents and guardians are asked to stay for the session.

**Pirate Story Time & Treasure Hunt**
Avast, ye shipmates! Join Ms. Kelsey for a special Saturday story time! We will read some swashbuckling stories, play "Captain Says," and even go on a treasure hunt! Saturday, 6/29 at 11AM

**Little Tykes Story Time**
Come join Mrs. Shepard for our Monday Story Time! Bring your kiddos for fun stories every Monday in the Padget Community Room. This program is intended for toddler and young learners. Parents and guardians are asked to stay for the session.

**Enchanted Tales with Belle**
Princess Belle needs YOUR help to tell the story of how Belle and the Beast fell in love. Join us for singing, dancing, magic, and of course, a good story!
Saturday, 7/20
Session One: 10:30am - 11:00am
Session Two: 11:30am - 12:00pm

**Zoo to YOU! Animal Myths BUSTED!**
This program utilizes a multitude of biocrafts and invites inquiry and problem-solving through literacy-based centers. Participants read animal facts and try to figure out what is true and what is false! Intended for upper elementary learners.
Thursday, 8/8 at 3PM

**Kids Club: Grades 3-5**
Our NEW summer series for elementary-age kids! Join us for a fun activity every session that’ll have your kiddos inspired and hands-on!
Wednesday, 7/17, 7/31, & 8/7 at 2PM

**Kids Craft: Kinetic Sand**
Join us in the sandbox! Enjoy an afternoon of free play with Kinetic Sand! Build castles, sand-men, or something of your own creation, then smash it down and start all over again!
Monday, 7/29 at 2:30PM

**Adventure Begins With: The MOST!**
Planets, trains, and submarines—oh my! Explore the many solutions that humans have engineered to get to their next adventure: from air travel to underwater exploration. Discover more about concepts like aerodynamics, buoyancy, and beyond in this exciting live science demonstration!
Thursday, 7/25 at 2PM

**Pizza & a Mystery**
You get to be the detective! Join us for an afternoon of pizza and detective work as we work our way through solving a cold case. Bring your friends!
Monday, 7/22 at 12PM

**Genealogy Club**
Discover the roots of your family tree. Improve your research skills and utilize the many genealogy resources at the library, including Ancestry.com. If you are interested in learning more about family and local history, this group is for you.
Tuesday, 6/18 & 8/20 at 4:30PM

**Paint & Sip**
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sipping mocktails and following a guided painting session with Beth. All materials provided. While aprons will be provided, please also wear something you are comfortable wearing while using paint.
Register online!
Monday, 7/8 at 4PM

**End of Summer Reading Party!**
You Did it! You've earned the Summer Reading Celebration! Hand in your reading minute tracker and receive your “you did it” prize, enter into our raffle drawing, and enjoy some summer treats!
Friday, 8/9 at 3PM

**Bridge for Beginners**
Learn the basics of bidding and gameplay. Ages 16 and older are welcome.
Tuesday, 6/1, 7/9, & 8/13 at 6PM

**Beer Garden Club**
Help us beautify our grounds! Whether you’re an experienced gardener or just like to play in the dirt, join us for this exciting and fulfilling opportunity!
Friday, 6/14 at 1PM

**Visit with a Therapy Dog**
Visit with Nessie the Goldendoodle and find out about therapy dogs! You can even read her a story! All ages welcome.
Tuesday, 6/11, 7/9, & 8/8 at 3PM

**Tye Dye T-Shirts**
August’s special teen event is Tye Dye T-Shirts! Bring an item you’d like to tye dye; all other supplies will be provided! Can’t find something you’d like to bring? We have some T-shirts we can share!
Monday, 5/8 at 1PM

**Adult Events**
- **“Colors” Book Club**
  - The final installment of our “Colors” series is here!
  - June Title: Orange World by Karen Russell
  - Monday, 6/17 at 7PM

- **Summer Adult Crafting**
  - Join us for a monthly craft night!
  - 6/18 at 7PM: Paintbrush Gnome Magnet
  - 7/16 at 7PM: Mosaic Art
  - 7/30 at 7PM: BONUS CRAFT! Dot Mandala Painting
  - 8/15 at 6:30PM: BONUS CRAFT! Recycled Greeting Card Boxes
  - 8/20 at 7PM: Button Bouquet

- **Chocolate Adventure: Movie Night & Tasting**
  - Sample chocolate from around the world and vote on your favorites! We’ll also have a screening of the 2000 film “Chocolate.” Rated PG-13.
  - Thursday, 8/1 at 6PM

- **Sidewalk Chalk Mural**
  - Stop by the library the week of July 15th to July 20th and add your own section to our sidewalk mural. Grab some chalk and draw to your heart’s desire!

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