

## FAIRMOUNT COMMUNITY LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT NOVEMBER 2019



*Books constitute capital. A library book lasts as long as a house, for hundreds of years. It is not, then, an article of mere consumption but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out in life, it is their only capital.*

**Thomas Jefferson**

**November Books Theme – Honor our Veterans** *A Separate Peace, The Book Thief, Catch-22, Gone With the Wind, The Hunger Games, The Hunt for Red October, War and Peace*

### PREMISES



### Veterans Wall of Honor

I wanted to honor our patrons who have served in the military by creating a Veterans Wall of Honor. We posted it on Facebook. As a result we were contacted by Juan Pablo Guarin-Camargo, a graduate student of the Newhouse School of Journalism. He came to Fairmount Library and posted a video discussing the project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6sBMsbnmno>

### Memory Garden

Barbara Lipa was the Director of the Fairmount Library. She died in July 1979. In her honor a memory garden was created. Her daughter Missy and husband Rich (Collier) have volunteered

to take on the responsibility and expense for updating of the garden. This will involve clearing out the growth in the area, reducing the footprint of the garden and moving the stone with the memorial plaque closer to the flagpole. Once spring arrives the family will plant a portion of the garden with grass seed and plant flowers and perennials in the remaining area around the stone. They are asking no assistance from the library. I enthusiastically agreed to endorse the project.

**Tech Packs**

The county and OCPL have provided Fairmount Library with four Chromebooks that patrons can check out from the library for three weeks . Each Chromebook kit comes with a wireless hotspot that has unlimited data (for use in the U.S. only), and the kits can be placed on hold. People who don't have broadband access at home can borrow it from the library. Lack of broadband access is a significant factor contributing to poverty in some areas.

**FINE POLICY FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY**

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> Central library and branches went fine free for veterans and active military with proper identification. Proper identification means a VA medical card, a drivers license with Veterans designation, or a military retiree identification card. This applies only to fines and not for lost or damaged items. Board approval is required to enact this program at Fairmount.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Our weekly storytimes have been so fun and we are noticing a lot of new parents visiting our programs with their children. Halloween was great, pictures included. We have a lot of fun holiday programs planned. Feel free to visit our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter pages to see all of the happy faces. The Spanish classes are very popular and we are getting positive feedback from attendees.

October

Little Movers K=193, A=175	Music is Magic: K=85, A=78	Salta! Spanish Stories 10k,8a	Preschool Craft K=110, A=82
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Family Spanish: 7K, 6A

STEAMkids: 10K, 6A

Pajama Storytime: 18K, 14A

Saturday Storytime: 12K, 7A



## ADULT PROGRAMS

November 7 – Ten Steps to Starting a Business

November 13- Contemporary Book Club *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

November 19 (5:30 PM) Focus on Adoption – information on adopting new born and older children.

November 25 (6:00 PM) Girl Scout Sampler Program – an evening of Girl Scout activities , songs, games, crafts and traditions.

November 26 (6:30 – 8:00 PM) Abraham Lincoln Study Group – Explore the life and times of Mr. Lincoln, his contemporaries, the presidency and the war. Knowledge and experience in Lincoln studies not required. Curiosity and interest the only requirement.

December 4 (3 PM) Civil War Series with Cheryl Pula – Learn about Onondaga County regiments in the war (infantry, cavalry, artillery an engineers). Discuss the battles of Philippi, Big Bethel, First Bull Run, Wilson’s Creek , Paducah and Belmont.

December 6-7 Book sale -Come browse our huge selection. Pick up gifts for everyone on your list! A wide range of fiction and non fiction; books on biography, cooking, history, home and garden, self help, social science, romance novels, mysteries, thrillers and so much more.

December 16 (6:30 PM) Telescope Workshop – An introduction to using your telescope. If you want to learn how to use a telescope, all it takes is some understanding about the necessary accessories and optimizing your experience gazing at the stars. This workshop is a place to start.

The newest Star Wars movie *Rise of Skywalker* premieres December 20<sup>th</sup> We will celebrate by showing the original Star Wars series on Thursday nights (6 PM) leading up to the premiere. Join us on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have pizza, drinks, popcorn and a prize give away on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

DATE	FINES	BOOK SALES	COPIER	MISCELANEOUS
10/17/19	\$73.00	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$86.20
10/24/19	\$63.58	\$47.05	\$13.00	\$25.00 (donation)
10/31/19	\$48.45	\$6.60		\$1.05 (donation)r
11/7/19	\$105.15			
11/14/19	\$27.05	\$2.50	\$.55	\$6 fund raiser
11/19/19	\$30.00	\$8.00	79.95	\$20.26 donation
				\$16.00 fund raiser

Website Update – Frank Smith wrote “ he is confident he can provide an initial design proof within 2 weeks. The plan is to loosely replicate the Marcellus Library layout, but, of course use different colors, fonts and images. Once we provide initial proof, receive your feedback and tweak until approved...then we are able to move the project into the development stage at which time we need 8 weeks to complete and launch”

Snow Closing Policy – The library will follow the lead of the West Genesee School District. If they close, we will stay closed until 12:00 PM. If conditions are still hazardous the library will remain closed for the rest of the day. If conditions have improved I will open the library from noon until 8:00 PM (normal closing time)