

BELDEN NOBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Fall 2021 ISSUE

Please note that with the increase in Covid cases, our Children's Room will remain closed for the time being. Adults with masks are welcome to select items from the room however.



Farewell to our Director

Thank you to Hillary-Hollister Hinge for her many years of service at our library. She is now Director at the Westport library. We know her welcoming presence will be missed. We wish her the best.

Hours

May 1 to Sep 30

Mon. 2pm-4pm
Tues. 2pm-4pm
Wed. 10am -12pm
Thurs. 12-5pm
Fri. 12-5pm
Sat. 10am-5pm
Sunday closed

Oct 1 to Apr 30

Mon. closed
Tues. closed
Wed. 10am-12pm
Thurs. 12-5pm
Fri. 12-5pm
Sat. 10am-5pm
Sun. closed

Our Library Director staffs the Library on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The Library is staffed by volunteers at other times.

Belden Noble Memorial Library is an association library operated by our Board of Trustees:

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We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Charles R. Wood Foundation to purchase two tents. This enabled us to hold several outdoor programs this summer.



Families attend a story program under the new tents.

Annual Silent Auction !

November 23 -
December 4



In 2020, due to the pandemic and the impact it had on local businesses, we did not solicit donations from the usual contributors. Instead, the Library held an online version of this important fundraiser, and we appreciate those who donated items and who participated in our online auction. This year we will return to our in-house format, but with a somewhat scaled down version. We will be seeking donations from both individual donors and local businesses. If you have something special that would benefit the Library, please set it aside for us. Thank you!

Dedication of the Dorothy Voorhis Reading Room

On August 10 we held the formal dedication of the Dorothy Voorhis Reading Room. This cozy reading nook was a gift from members of Doffy's family in honor of her 90th Birthday. Located at the west side of the main floor, it houses the Library's magazine collection, the Essex Wall of Literary Fame and books written by the featured authors.

Doffy was a faithful volunteer for many years, greeting patrons with her friendly smile and lively sense of humor.

Dorothy was a list maker. Her final list contained her intention to come to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

We were fortunate to have her four children and many grandchildren in attendance at the dedication.

A life-long list maker, her final list contained her intention to make the ribbon cutting

ceremony we held at the dedication. Sadly, Doffy passed away twelve days later.



Doffy, cutting the ribbon to the room dedicated in her honor for her many years of service to the library .

E-Books and Audio Books

Did you know your library card is your admission ticket to thousands of free, quality e-books and downloadable audiobooks? Visit the Clinton Essex Franklin Library System Website at cefls.org and click on 'E-Books and More' to get started.

Grants Received in 2021

Our library has a dynamic team which continually seeks ways to improve the library and library services. Acquiring grants is crucial to our ability to continue serving our patrons and we had great success this year with our grant requests.

We gratefully acknowledge grants from six foundations in 2021. This support was vital for the library, especially due to the disruption in our usual fundraising events as a result of the Covid pandemic. We received the following:

- Stewart's Holiday Match Fund - a grant for children's programming.
- Charles R. Wood Foundation - a grant to purchase tents so that we could offer events outside.
- The Lake Placid Education Foundation - a grant to update our computer and technology equipment.
- Adirondack Foundation -SUN Fund- a grant for our air purifiers and filters to improve the library air quality.
- The Essex Community Fund - a grant for the acquisition of print materials.
- Essex County Arts Council CAP- a grant for costs related to the establishment of the Wall of Literary Fame.

Thank you to those who support these foundations, which in turn help fund our library.

New Computers

We are happy to report that thanks to a grant from the Lake Placid Education Foundation, we have purchased two new computers for the library.

Town to Purchase Parking Lot

The parking lot adjacent to the Library is important to Essex for many reasons. It allows easy access to the Library, the Essex Community Church, the Essex Theater and the Pink Pig. It provides parking for visitors arriving on the ferry who frequent our restaurants and shops.

The Town is accepting donations to help with the purchase. In addition to a \$5,000 grant from the Essex Community Fund, \$5,800 has been raised thus far. Please consider making a donation: the parking lot will benefit us all.

Collection cans will be at the library, at Pink Pig, and at the Willsboro Pharmacy. Such Donations are tax deductible and checks may be made out to the Town of Essex with 'parking lot' on the memo line.

Museum Pass Available

Take advantage of the Fort Ticonderoga museum pass available at the Library: allows 10% off admission for up to 4 people (applies to general admission only).

Programs, Programs, Programs

Although the pandemic forced us to cancel several programs this year, we were still able to host a few programs inside and even more out in the fresh air. We are busy planning future events and hope to resume regular programming soon. Below are photos of some of the programs held in 2021.



David and Margie Ruether entertained the crowd with stories about their experiences in Essex and elsewhere.



Our own Miss Sally and Miss Rinda presented story programs at Begg's Park and behind Town Hall.



Mary Maki discussed her fourth Caitlyn Jamison mystery series novel, *Deadly Secrets*, which is set in the Adirondacks.



Library patrons attended Owen Pataki's discussion of his second novel *Searchers in Winter: A Novel of Napoleon's Empire*.



The library board enjoyed treating the library volunteers to a delicious al fresco luncheon in thanks for all they do during the year to keep the library going.



A guest musician made bedtime stories fun. Our own Colleen Van Hoven and Joyce Sukel got in the spirit of the program by wearing their pajamas.



Meet Your Neighbors
Dianne Lansing and Joyce Sukel shared stories about their time living in Essex.



The library board held a successful tag sale fundraiser.

Essex Wall of Literary Fame

A special section of the Dorothy Voorhis Reading Room is dedicated to the Essex Wall of Literary Fame, currently featuring twenty-eight authors who live in Essex at least on a part time basis. Each author is represented by a photograph and brief biography. More extensive biographies are kept in an album that allows for easier reading. All have donated books to the library they have authored.



Dedication ceremony for the Literary Wall of Fame

The Wall is the brainchild of Jim Van Hoven, who conceived the idea after spending years as an educator looking at sports trophies kept in glass cases in school hallways. He thought it fitting to celebrate authors in much the same way in our Library. One author, Morris Glenn, has been featured in an article in the Press Republican. We hope to see more such articles and to offer programs centered on some of these authors. For more information on the Wall and the authors, please visit our website at essexlibrary.org.

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Did you know the library has a copy/fax machine?

Per page copies: black and white \$0.25, color \$1.00

Fax per page: \$1.00

Please Support Your Library!

Yes, I want to help our Library continue to grow and provide the best possible services for Essex! (You can return this form to the Library)

Volunteer! The Belden Noble Library could not function without its volunteers. We will do our best to match your talents with one of the many jobs available. We look forward to hearing from you!

Make a tax-deductible contribution and keep good things happening at your library.

Make a financial contribution! Yes, charitable donations will help your Library! As an official 501(c)3 organization, we are eligible for matching gifts.

Please make checks payable to Belden Noble Memorial Library and send to P.O. Box 339, Essex, NY 12936.

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Make provisions for the Library in your estate plans. If you have already made a provision for the Library in your estate plans and have not yet informed us, or would like more information about this charitable gesture, please contact the Library.

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