

THE Wadhams Free Library NEWS

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Irene Pays A Call...

The name “Irene” means “peace” in Greek, but as we all know there was nothing peaceful about Tropical Storm Irene’s recent visit to the North Country. The eastern Adirondacks were hit hardest--Old Forge, to the west, got only two inches of rain, but places in the Ausable River watershed, where the worst damage occurred, got 13 inches.

The Boquet River watershed fared somewhat better, but there was still significant flooding in Wadhams. The Wadhams Volunteer Fire Company was called out when the river rose around the dam and flowed over the road next to the bridge, scouring out part of the shoulder and causing the bridge to be closed briefly.

Neighbors also pitched in to help those whose homes were hit by the worst flooding. Among the families most affected were the Crandalls and the Baileys, who sustained significant damage and loss of property. The power plant also had some damage, including to one of the generators. Of course, as we know, other areas suffered much more, with Keene, Keene Valley, Upper Jay and Au Sable Forks among the hardest hit. We wish all our neighbors a quick recovery!



...and We Fix Our Wall

Friends of the Library will recall our “Rock the Wall” campaign just a few years ago to raise the money for a major repair of the beautiful old stone retaining wall that stands between us and the Boquet River. That repair stood us in good stead during the recent flooding. Most of the wall stood firm, as the river, normally well below the bottom of the wall, actually began breaking over it.

Owing to this unprecedented stress, however, the wall sustained some damage. Several large stones were displaced at the bottom of the wall, some cap stones were loosened at the north end of the wall, and water breaking over the wall also scoured out several large sinkholes. The plan is to pour 2 or 3 small stepped platforms of concrete in a pocket of ledge rock immediately below the displaced stones, to buttress this section of the wall once the stones are replaced. The Adirondack Community Trust has awarded us a grant from their SUN (Sudden Urgent Need) Fund to help with the construction, for which we are very grateful. This will allow us to get started as soon as possible.

Your Elves Would Love A Snappy New Wadhams Free Library T-Shirt

So would your Santa, Mrs. Claus, or, for that matter, your Reindeer. Our stylish and newly redesigned T-Shirts come in enough colors and sizes to please everyone, even the most impishly choosy. They’re already the talk of the hamlet. Come into the Library and check them out.

T-SHIRTS \$15.00

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Stay tuned for more exciting lectures as our **WEDNESDAYS IN WADHAMS** series continues.

STORY HOUR TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

We’ve been enjoying story hour very much, when it’s not pre-empted by sniffles. Library Trustee Ray is sometimes a guest reader and brings extra excitement—tadpoles! butterflies! Would anyone else like to join us as a guest reader? It’s the most fun you can have on a Tuesday morning. All ages welcome.

PATRON GRANT INITIATIVE

We're grateful to Senator Betty Little, a strong supporter of libraries, who through her Patron Grant Initiative has made available \$1000 in funding for each public library in the 45th district toward the purchase of library materials. We've used our grant to update our collection of junior and adult books about science and natural history, including many colorful books from the Eyewitness Series, which will provide fun browsing for all ages. So far, "Forest Forensics" and "Tracks and Signs of Insects" have proved popular with natural history buffs. We've also added some books about crafts, cooking, fishing, and gardening, as well as new junior fiction and graphic novels, and more are on the way. Thanks, Senator Little.

Eyewitness Series books: Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome, Astronomy, Baseball, Bird, Dinosaur, Economy, Evolution, Forensic Science, Horse, Jungle, Ocean, Rocks & Minerals, Soccer, Space Exploration, Spy

Other Junior Non-Fiction: A Child's Introduction to the World: Geography, Cultures, and People, A Child's Introduction to Greek Mythology

Junior Fiction and Graphic Novels: A Dance with Dragons, A Game of Thrones, The 39 Clues: Vespers Rising, The Atlantis Complex, Flight Volume 8

Adult Non-Fiction: One Million Things: A Visual Encyclopedia, BugWater, Tracks and Signs of Insects, National Geographic, Answer Book, The Science Book: Everything You Need to Know About the World and How it Works, Science: The Definitive Visual Guide, Forest Forensics: A Field Guide to Reading the Forested Landscape, The Complete Human Body, Hubble, Space: from Earth to the Edge of the Universe, Shelves, Cabinets & Bookcases, Concrete Crafts: Making Modern Accessories for Home and Garden, Indian Nations of North America, Where We Worked: A Celebration of America's Workers and the Nation They Built, Recipes from the Root Cellar, Continuous Container Gardens, Home Outside: Creating the Landscape You Love, Book of Natural Plant Dyes



The Internet Xpress project, a collaborative effort of the Clinton Essex Franklin Library System, The New York State Library, Adirondack Community Action Programs, OneWorkSource, and local libraries, is offering free classes at public libraries in Essex County.

In Wadhams, classes are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 3:30 to 5 pm. Classes have included computer and Internet basics, introduction to Microsoft Word and Excel, email, digital photographs, computer security, and help for job seekers, including Internet job searching, resume writing, and interviewing skills.

Future classes include:

- **Computer Help Desk:** Bring your computer questions. (Dec. 14)
- **Downloadable Audio Books:** How to get them to work!
- **CEF Website Resources:** A tour of the amazing databases and other useful information at www.cefls.org.

Any of the workshops can be repeated if requested, and help with job searching and job application skills is always available.

Thank You, Dogwood Bread Company

Our Sunday Brunch fundraiser at Dogwood last March 20 was a great success, and we thank our friends at the bakery for making it all possible. We're planning another festive and extravagant extravaganza for next spring. Check the next issue of our newsletter for the date.

CEF Connects Us and Keeps Us Working

The Clinton Essex Franklin Library System is vital to public libraries in the North Country. CEF operates the Interlibrary Loan System, runs our automated circulation, offers training programs for library personnel, administers state aid, and advocates for libraries in Albany. Without CEF, we would not be able to do the things we do. Visit their website, www.cefls.org, to see some of the surprising things CEF can do for you.

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OPEN HOURS

Tuesday	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - Noon

STORY HOUR

Tuesday 10 a.m.

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