

June 30, 2006

Volume 1, Issue 1

Mailing address:  
PO Box 468  
Germantown NY 12526

Physical address:  
71 Palatine Park Road  
Germantown NY 12526

E-mail: [germantownlibrary@valstar.net](mailto:germantownlibrary@valstar.net)

Web page: [www.germantownlibrary.org](http://www.germantownlibrary.org)



## Letter from the Board

### Inside this issue:

<i>Meet Thea</i>	2
<i>Read about Jackie</i>	2
<i>Video/Movie Nights</i>	2,3
<i>New Books!DVDs</i>	3
<i>Consumer Reports</i>	4
<i>Library Progress</i>	5

Dear Friends,

There are many exciting changes and events planned at the Germantown Library. One of them is the creation of a library newsletter, which is being developed thanks to two library volunteers, Emi Olsson and Kathy Dunn. It is our hope that this newsletter will be a great way to get useful library information to the community.

Some of the changes at the library were made possible due to the passage of a 414 referendum this past November which guarantees funding of the day to day operating expenses of the library. This guarantee has allowed us to expand the days and hours that

the library is open as well as hire additional staff. We are expanding our collection of books, periodicals, DVD's, and recorded books and are continuing to host reading programs for children and monthly movie nights. Plans for additional programs are being discussed, and the Board would welcome any suggestions for what types of offerings the community would like to see available at the library.

Plans for a new modular constructed library building are progressing with clearing of the land under way and the Steering Committee hard at work on fundraising plans. Currently we are half way to the goal of



*Summer is here!*

what is needed to complete the new building and we look forward to working with the community to make the plan a reality. Together, we will see our library grow.

Sincerely,

The Germantown Library Trustees

Library hours:	
Tues	9am-7:30pm
Wed	9am-noon
Thurs	5pm-8pm
Fri	9am-5pm
Sat	9am-3pm

## Summer Reading Program "Books a Treasure"

Germantown Library's Summer Reading program starts Monday, July 17th and ends on Wednesday, August 9th. Sessions meet two times a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Session 1 for grades K-2 meets at 1:00pm and session 2 for grades 3-5 meets at 2:00pm. The last day of the program (8/9) will tentatively meet at 6:00pm. Children who are participating in Camp Palatine can join the reading program too - camp coun-

selors will walk them to & from the library. If you have any questions, feel free to call the library.

## *We have a new Library Clerk!*



Come meet the new Library Clerk on Thursdays 5-8 pm and Saturdays 10-3 pm.

Thea Schoep, who lives in Hudson has two children and works at Funshine Nursery School in Livingston. She has been a volunteer at the library for almost an year and ran the summer story program for two years before taking the clerk position. Thea is very familiar with children's books and is looking forward to the new library!

**"Contact the library to donate books and other materials, or to volunteer time or services. Thank you"**

## *Helloooooo, Jackie!*

Most of you are familiar with Jackie Gaizo who greets everyone by their name when you walk into the library. What you might not have known is that Jackie came to work as the library clerk at the Germantown Library in 1999, after moving from New York City. Jackie lives with her husband on Maple Ave and has 5 children and 6 grandchildren living around the area. If you are looking for a good book to read, Jackie can always recommend one!



**"With your library card you can borrow books, video tapes, audio tapes, DVDs and much more. You can search the Mid-Hudson Library system online Public Library Catalog of over 1.7 million items in several neighboring counties."**

## *Video Gaming Night—NEW*

Video Game Night will be Friday, July 21st from 6:00pm—8:00pm in the library. The games will be: Dance, Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, and Mario Kart. Refreshments will be served. There is a 15-limit sign up, so contact the library to reserve your space. Video games rated E (for Everyone). Let's help start a tradition!

## *Germantown Central School Reading Lists*

The library has all the books available from the Germantown Central School Grade K-12 Summer Reading Lists. If there is a particular book you are looking for that is out on loan, the library can order from another library.

## New Books

Cold Moon: A Lincoln Novel	Deaver, Jeffrey
Hudson: A History	Lewis, Tom
Book Thief	Zusak, Markus
Whole World Over	Glass, Julia
Man From Stone Creek	Miller, Linda Lael
Coming Out	Steel, Danielle
Match Made in Heaven	Mitchell, Bob
Sandcastles	Rice, Luanne
Terrorist	Updike, John
Swapping Lives	Green, Jane
Killer Dreams	Johansen, Iris
Blue Screen	Parker, Robert
Cover of Night	Howard, Lin
Book of the Dead	Preston, Douglas
Telegraph Days	McMurtry, Larry



*Have you seen all those new books?!*

## New DVDs

Thomas the Tank Engine: Steamers and Diesels  
 Thomas the Tank Engine: It's Great To Be An Engine  
 Blue's Big Musical Movie  
 Adventures of Milo and Otis  
 Backyardigans: Polka Palace Party  
 Bob the Builder: When Bob Becomes a Builder  
 Nick Jr.P Celebrate Spring!  
 SpongeBob Squarepants: 10 Water-logged Tales  
 Strawberry Shortcake: Dress Up Days  
 Baby Sitter's Club: Friends Forever  
 Springtime for Max & Ruby  
 Nanny McPhee

**Did you know? You can use your Library Card to Check Your Record over the internet:**  
<http://gigcat.midhudson.org/>

## Movie Night

July & August Movie Night Features:

Friday, July 14, 7:00 pm - Eight Below

Friday, August 11 at 7:00 pm - The Shaggy Dog.

Sign up at the library. E-mail or call to reserve your place or if you have any questions. This is a big hit with the kids. Bring your sleeping bags and come in your pajamas! Fun is had by all.

**"Germantown Library has TWO public access computers available during normal library hours."**

## Interesting 2004 Statistics

Books taken out of Germantown in 2004: 14,380  
 DVD/VHS taken out of Germantown in 2004: 93  
 Audiotapes taken out of Germantown in 2004: 195  
 Library visits - total annual attendance: 9,043



Germantown Library —  
518-537-5800

Primary Business Address  
71 Palatine Park Road  
Germantown, NY 12526

Phone: 518-537-5800

Fax: 518-537-5928

E-mail: [germantownlibrary@valstar.net](mailto:germantownlibrary@valstar.net)

---

We're on the web!

<http://germantownlibrary.org/>

---



## Consumer Reports

Looking for a household appliance? Need a little guidance? How about searching and reading *Consumer Reports* from the comfort of your own computer?

That's right, *Consumer Reports* is available in page image format -- including graphs, photos and those informative sidebars -- right from the library's website.

Go to the library's homepage, [www.germantownlibrary.org](http://www.germantownlibrary.org) and click on the Home Access logo. In the box at the top of the next screen, type in the 14 digit number under the barcode on the back of your library card. Click the Submit button.

In the Box labeled "Magazines", click on the Additional Magazines link.

Now type your search term (be general -- for example, cameras, refrigerators) in the Find box. Further down that screen, type "consumer reports" in the Magazine box. Click on the Search button.

This should yield a list of articles in *Consumer Reports* on your topic. Click on the PDF Full Text link to see the article as it appears in the paper edition of the magazine. Make sure you have downloaded the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader, available for free at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

You may notice that the most recent articles are not available electronically. Don't worry, just copy down the date of the issue the article appeared in and the page numbers. We also subscribe to the paper version of *Consumer Reports*. Just come by the library to read or photocopy the article.

As always, if you can't find what you need online, please stop by the library or give us a call.

---

## New Library Building Progress

Progress on the new Germantown Library building has taken another step forward with the clearing of the land which began on a recent, rainy Saturday morning. Several volunteers, including a crew from the Visage Construction Company, spent over 6 hours cutting and hauling trees and chipping brush to make way for the new building. But much more work lies ahead both physically and financially before the new library will be completed. With a current building fund balance of approximately \$350,000 we are half way to our goal and are now looking for community and outside contributions to fulfill the remaining need. Direct donations to the building fund can be sent to the Germantown Library Building Fund at P.O. Box 468, Germantown, NY 12526. Another option is to make a three to five year pledge toward the fund, which can be arranged with Library Board President Virginia Atwell, at (518)537-4156.

