

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY NOTES

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Students at Saranac Lake's Fresh Air School



Adirondack Research Room

Curator Michele Tucker reports the completion of a long-term project organizing and providing archival storage for local school records for 1909-1972. Since this was before the centralization, schools were from Brighton, Santa Clara, Harrietstown and St. Armand. The records were donated to the Adirondack Research Room many years ago.

The records provide student names, birthdates, parents and guardians, residences, school attendance and teacher names.

These records would be especially useful for genealogists and researchers studying the history of the schools, as well as those concerned with population statistics. A researcher investigating the effect of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic would find these records invaluable. Retired teachers might enjoy looking back at their old class lists.

Of unusual interest are records for the Fresh Air School, an outgrowth of the fresh air cure. Children who had been exposed to tuberculosis or were of a delicate constitution attended these

chilly classrooms, and can be seen in an early Adirondack Room photograph sitting at their desks wearing coats and hoods.

Archival boxes to store these valuable records were purchased with memorial funds donated for Bruce Kratts.

Library Luncheon Series

Cheryl Joyce, of the Paul Smiths College Faculty, will open the 2018-2019 Library Luncheon Series with the presentation, "The Stunning Benefits of Mushrooms for Health and the Environment".

Have You Seen?

The display in the cabinet in the lobby celebrates our right to vote. Thank you, Margaret Worden, for this timely and artistic presentation. Voter registration forms are available at the SLFL.

Current Events Café

Good coffee or tea and congenial conversation are available in the Dickert Room for those interested in local, national and world events. This group will meet on the following Mondays, October 15, 22, 29 and November 5.

Fiction Book Group

On Tuesday, November 6, at 2 p.m. this group will discuss "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Science Book Group

"The Rise and Fall of Dinosaurs" by Steve Brusatte will be discussed on Tuesday, October 23 at 2 p.m.

Racism Book Group

This group will continue their discussion of "Stamped From the Beginning" by Ibram Kendi. They will meet in the Dickert Room on Monday, October 15 at 2 p.m.

Spooky Films for October

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the publication of "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley, the SLFL will be showing two Frankenstein films: "Frankenstein, the Man Who Made a Monster" (1932) with Boris Karloff, at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19. Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein" (1974) with Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn and Peter Boyle will be shown in the Cantwell Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 26. There will be no Tuesday afternoon film this month.

Acquisitions

Fiction: "Feared" (Scottoline), "The Line That Held Us" (Joy), "After the Party" (Connolly), "Serpentine" (Hamilton), "Waiting for Eden" (Ackerman), "Lethal White" (Galbraith).

Nonfiction: "Fear" (Woodward), "House of Trump, House of Putin" (Unger), "Essential England" (Fodor's), "Black Klansman" (Stallworth), "One Person, No Vote" (Anderson).

Large Print: “The Good Neighbor, the Life and Work of Fred Rogers” (King), “Kudos” (Cusk), “The Mercy Seat” (Winthrop), “The Emperor of Shoes” (Wise).

Juvenile Nonfiction: “Girls Who Code” (Saujani), “How to Code, a Step-by-Step Guide to Computer Coding”, (Wainwright).

Adirondack: “White Pine Camp” (Kirschenbaum), “A Guide to Architecture in the Adirondacks” (Longstreth).

Young Adult: “And the Ocean Was Our Sky” (Ness).

Pamphlets: “Eastern Backyard Birds” (Kavanagh), “The Night Sky” (Kavanagh), “Reptiles & Amphibians” (Kavanagh), “Mushrooms” (Kavanagh).

DVDs: “The Adirondacks”, “Despicable Me2”.