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Your Lockport Public Library ... An Open Door Update

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **One Book One Community program** being held at the Lockport Public Library on October 19th at 7:00 pm in the Wheeler Room. Novelist Cathy Marie Buchanan will be joining us for an author talk and book signing of her title, The Day the Falls Stood Still. Take a step back in time to 1915, the dawn of the hydroelectric power era, by reading this title which is steeped in the intriguing history of Niagara Falls.

Individual copies of The Day the Falls Stood Still are available for purchase at the Lockport Public Library on Floor 2. Copies will also be available to purchase the evening of the program. The cost is \$10.00.

Melissa Dunlap and Bruce Aikin will facilitate the program, "Niagara Falls: the Depths and Heights from Natural History to Daredevils" at the Library on October 4th at 7:00 pm. Their talk will be held in the Community Room.

Visit the library's second floor entryway to see beautiful late 19th/early 20th century photographs of the Niagara Falls winter ice bridge featuring people walking at the base of the cataract.

Prepare for those cold winter stay-in-the-house weekends or purchase gifts for the holidays by shopping at the **Fabulous Fall Used Book Sale**. The Friends of the Lockport Public Library, Inc., will hold a "Fabulous Fall" Used Book Sale on October 15th and October 16th in the Library's Community Meeting Room. Hours of the book sale are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 15th, and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 16th. Zoe Shufelt, chairperson of the event, notes that the sale "will feature good used books, DVDs, media and magazines at bargain prices". A pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Lockport Public Library will take place on Thursday, October 14th from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join the Friends and shop during the pre-sale. Door prizes will be given! Proceeds are used to sponsor library programs and purchase new materials for the Library's collection.

We will host an Author Forum titled, **"Goal!: The Spirit and Drama of Sportswriting"**, featuring two Lockport natives on **November 11, 2010**. The forum will feature Amy Moritz, sportswriter for the Buffalo News and Tim Wendel, author of eight books, including his recent release, High Heat: The Secret History of the Fastball and the Improbable Search for the Fastest Pitcher of All Time. The Veteran's Day event will take place in the Community Meeting Room from 7:00 p.m.-8:30p.m. and includes a book sale and author signing. No registration is required. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Lockport Public Library has been awarded a grant to participate in a two-year project as one of 30 public libraries that will facilitate workforce training. The New York State Library, a unit of the Office of Cultural Education within the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to expand computer access in public libraries across New York State. The funding is being provided through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). The library has just hired a project manager to coordinate the grant. We will partner with other community agencies to provide training in job skills, such as resume building, researching job opportunities, acquiring computer skills and preparing for related exams and interviews.

A task for the fall season. Go to our Facebook page and post a comment on the question, “What does the library mean to you?”

Call 433-5935 or go to www.lockportlibrary.org for more information about the aforementioned programs and services.