



Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library April 2018 Newsletter Special Edition

Marilyn Conklin Retires on April 30, 2018



Marilyn Conklin in 2018

Marilyn has been an integral part of the LIBRARY, old and new, & it won't be the same without her.



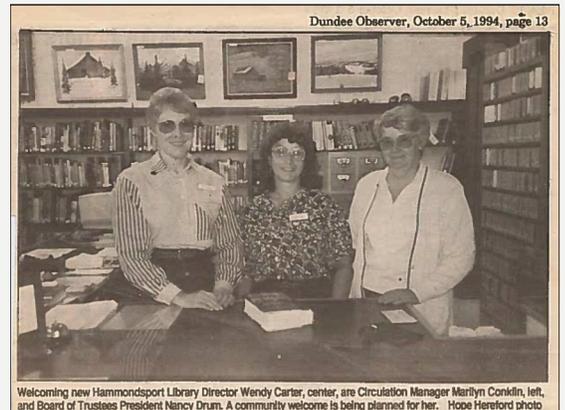
Marilyn giving Amber Steven's daughter, Hollis, her first library card. Hollis calls Marilyn her friend and looks forward to coming to the library especially to see her.

Marilyn Conklin is retiring after 30 years at the Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library. When she started on September 4, 1988 it was located at 41 Lake Street, in the "old school," and was known as the Hammondspport Public Library. When the library moved to William Street and became the Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library, Marilyn moved, too ... naturally. Many staff members who answer the phone are asked, "Is this Marilyn?" She is a fixture at the library and synonymous with "The Library" in this community as well. We can't thank Marilyn enough for her dedication and many years of service.

A special thank you from the Board of Trustees, the Director, the Staff, and the Volunteers.



Marilyn Conklin, circulation librarian at Hammondspport Public Library, works in office space enhanced during the renovation. Volunteers played a key role in the project. Mary Geo Tomlin photo



Welcoming new Hammondspport Library Director Wendy Carter, center, are Circulation Manager Marilyn Conklin, left, and Board of Trustees President Nancy Drum. A community welcome is being planned for her. Hope Hereford photo

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Wonderful things to do at our library!

Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library

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Library Hours

Monday, 10 am-8 pm
Tuesday, 2-8 pm
Wednesday, 10 am-8 pm
Thursday, 2-8 pm
Friday, 10 am-5 pm
Saturday, 10 am-2 pm
Sunday, Closed



Weekly

Indoor Walking Program

Every Mon, Wed, & Fri
9:00-10:00 am

Story Time for Toddlers

Wednesday 10:30 am-12 pm

Book Sale Room

Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Monthly

MAC User Group

First Monday at 10 am

Hammondsport Book Club

First Monday at 6:45 pm

Crafty Quilters

Second Tuesday at 2 pm

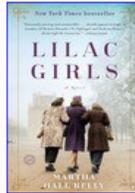
Writer's Group

Fourth Wednesday at 1 pm

Enjoy free Wi-Fi.

Hammondsport Book Discussion Group

The library book discussion group meets on the following Mondays at 6:45 pm.



April 9, 2018

Lilac Girls

by Martha Hall
Kelly

May 14, 2018

*Sisters First: Stories
from Our Wonderful Life*

by Jenna Bush Hager



Ask for these books at the circulation desk.

New members are always welcome!



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Although Marilyn is soon retiring, you will continue to see her out and about in the community that holds special meaning to her, Hammondsport, New York.

Marilyn Conklin Shares a Few Words with the Library Community.

“Although born in Waverly NY, I have been a resident of Hammondsport since I was 9 years old. I graduated from HCS and got a BA degree from Houghton College. I taught Kindergarten in Savona school for 2 years during which time I met and married Jim Conklin, a high school history teacher in Hammondsport. Jim and I have been married 51 and a half years.

Later I taught another year in Hammondsport before deciding to be a stay-at-home Mom to help raise three children, Kevin, Kelly & Kirsten. All three graduated from HCS, attended college and are now happily married, raising families of their own. I have 8 grandchildren, 4 girls and 4 boys. The last little guy was newly adopted in March. In retirement I hope to enjoy much more time with my family.

During almost 30 years at the library, I have enjoyed so much working with the Board of Trustees, the directors (I have worked with 8 of them), staff and the many dedicated volunteers.

I have sincerely tried to live out the biblical principle to “Serve one another in Love.” Hopefully I have successfully blessed you all as much as you have blessed me. I will truly miss everyone, but I promise not to be a stranger to the library. You will see me around. God Bless.”

Marilyn Conklin, April 2018



What are you going to do, Marilyn?

When Marilyn was asked what she was planning on doing during her retirement, she said that, besides spending more time with family, she and Jim plan on taking frequent trips to places like Maine, and historical sites like the Andersonville Civil War Prison Camp and Lincoln's home in Springfield, IL. She added that they would be going to as many baseball games and parks as possible. When they are home, she plans on doing jigsaw puzzles and reading, and they'll keep busy with their church work.

Little Bookworms ● Wednesdays, 10:30-12:00



Meet Miss Amber downstairs in the Children's room for fabulous fun, lots of learning and plenty of surprises ... every time.

Like us on Facebook! Visit us every week to see pictures of Little Bookworms having fun!



“Libraries are always bigger on the inside because every book has an entire word inside of it.” ~ Robert Arger

Our Amber Stevens Receives Well-deserved Award by Taking “Story Time” to the Next Level

On March 7, 2018, Amber Stevens, the Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library Literacy Coordinator, was recognized as the Steuben County Youth Board’s **“Gary Pruyn Youth Service Worker of the Year Award”** for her outstanding program called **Little Bookworms**. Amber developed this comprehensive program for infants through preschool, to include direct involvement of caregivers.

Amber creates a weekly lesson plan that includes oral reading of children’s books, movement activity that focuses on large motor skills, a nutritious snack for both children and caregivers, a rotation of activity centers that stimulates cognitive skills, sensory awareness and small motor skills, a “play” period that encourages socialization and caregiver networking opportunities. She also creates technology tips and take-home activities for caregivers to use at home to reinforce the weekly curriculum. It all comes together in an exciting way.

Because the quality of this program is so exceptional, attendance may reach as many as 50 participants. Due to parental demand, the weekly program went from 60 to 90 minutes this year and Amber has agreed to continue the program during the regular Summer Reading Program in July and August.

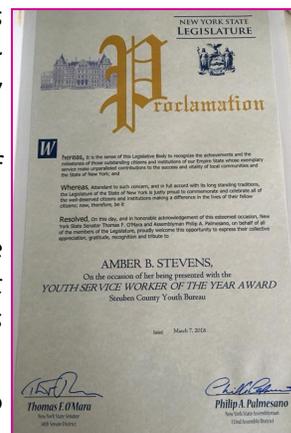
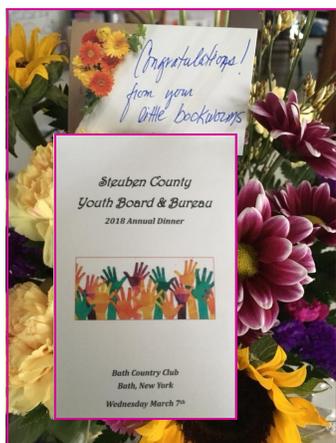
A NY State certified elementary teacher with a concentration in special education, Amber taught grades 4, 5, and 6 for ten years before she “retired” to concentrate on the child rearing of her three children. She is a born teacher and can’t stop. Passionately dedicated to children and their literacy and cognitive development, she has boundless

enthusiasm, which is contagious. She puts in numerous hours planning and preparing unique and meaningful weekly programs, such as Cozy Care during the illness season, Potty Training, Jammie Time, Cleanliness, Gardening, and more.

Amber says she looks to provide programs that she herself would love to come to with her children.

Amber also maintains the children’s literacy section of the library’s Facebook page to encourage parental involvement and to keep the public aware of the offerings for children, as well as the weekly activities.

So, like us on Facebook and bookmark our website to keep up to date on our wonderful programs.



Congratulations, Amber!