

Out of the Box

Summer Hours

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| Monday | 10—6 |
| Tuesday | 12—6 |
| Wednesday | 10—8 |
| Thursday | 12—6 |
| Friday | 10—5 |
| Saturday | Closed |
| Sunday | Closed |

Pennies for BoB

During the month of June, we will be collecting pennies for the Box of Books. On Wed., June 10 between 10 and 3 kids can come to the library to decorate penny containers. On July 1, between 2 and 4 you can come and count and roll with us.

Guess how many books we can buy with all those pennies and win a prize.



Join Us for Coffee

We're trying something new, just for you. Beginning Monday, June 8 at 11:00am, parents and caregivers are invited to come to the library to enjoy a cup of coffee while their kids play.



Big Challenge Reaps Big Rewards

Nobody thought it would be this big. Not in our wildest imaging did we think that a \$1,000 challenge would raise \$4,580 in additional gifts for a fundraising total of \$5,580. Amazing!

At a time when we read about the demise of "community spirit," the people of Alfred and the surrounding area have demonstrated their support for the library and its dedication "to the principle that free access to the individual pursuit of knowledge is essential to the support and preservation of democracy." They have spoken with their money, their time, their votes, and their enthusiasm.

On behalf of the library staff, trustees, and volunteers we thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us. We pledge to uphold our mission "to enhance the quality of life in this small rural area by serving as a center of community interaction and by providing an open and nonjudgmental environment in which all people have access to cultural, education, and recreational materials, programming, and services."

As Joseph Berger's article in the March 15, 2009 *New York Times* put it, "Times Are Tough, Libraries Are Thriving." You have undoubtedly read about the increase in library use throughout Allegany County and the nation. In economic hard times people discover, or rediscover their local library. Free Internet access enables them to search for jobs and services. Free videos, books, and other resources provide entertainment and information for all ages. Free programs offer educational opportunities. To see what you save each time you use the library go to www.nsls.info/roi/. This website automatically calculates your savings depending on what you borrow or service you use at your local library. When you look at the bottom line and consider what you pay to support your library you will find that you receive a healthy return on your investment.

Your donations and your vote to increase our budget will have a significant impact on the library. Not only will the impact of projected budget cuts be reduced, but we will be able to purchase some of the materials we have not been able to afford. Orders have already been placed for additional children's books and graphic novels and we look forward to offering an exciting Summer Reading Program again this year.

As a thank you to community members, supporters, and friends of all ages, the library will sponsor "*Music in the Park*" with Ken Maracek and Trio Déjà Vu on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 7:00pm at the



Summer Reading Program 2009

This year's Summer Reading Program runs from July 1st through August 14 and will include a variety of creative options. The national theme - "Be Creative @Your Library— means that just about anything goes... here are a few of the things we have in store for you:

- Flamingo bingo
- Alfred State College Summer Camp reading program

- Allegany Man Comic Book workshop
- Moreland the Magician
- Movie nights
- Phantom Toll Booth week
- Music workshop
- Writing workshop

...and more

For more information visit www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org