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*What is more important in a library than anything else - than everything else - is the fact that it exists. ~Archibald MacLeish*

## 2010 NYS MEMBER LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORTS ARE COMING SOON!

Just a reminder, you can enter library information and statistics online now.

Go to the NCLS website at <http://ncls.northcountrylibraries.org/>, click on [Member Libraries](#), and [NYS Annual Reports](#) to view some of the necessary forms and instructions for completing the Annual Report.

**To begin entering data online now, click on the Annual Report link on the left hand side of the web page (see example to the right). Remember, you must be logged in to access the Online Annual Report.**

Each year, North Country Library System provides training on the Automated Annual Report. Many times, library staff are not able to attend and receive instruction and handouts that will assist them in completing their Annual Report.

You can now view these helpful handouts on our web site under “Continuing Education—Class Handouts.” Go to: <http://ncls.northcountrylibraries.org/node/19>, scroll down to desired workshop and click on the link for each attachment.

In addition to the handouts, remember:

- Place your cursor over the “**What’s This?**” on the Annual Report Page to see what elements of the Annual Report are contained in each Part
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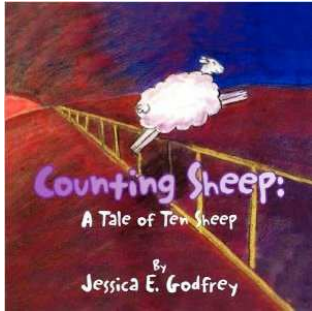
Log in today and see how easy it is to enter your data and complete your library’s report!

Watch your email as well as the NCLS web page for more information and helpful tools that will be available soon to help you in completing the annual report.

If you have any questions (no matter how small!), please ask! Please remember that the “Annual Report Team” is ready to give you assistance, advice, support and direction in completing your annual report.

**Deadline: Annual Reports are due at NCLS by Friday, January 14th.**

## New Book from Local Author



Congratulations to Jessica Godfrey, Library Assistant at Adams Free Library, on the publication of her children's book, *Counting Sheep: A Tale of Ten Sheep*. It tells the story of ten sheep who spend their days grazing happily in the field and their nights sleeping cozily in the barn. Before they can return to the barn for bedtime, however, they must get over a fence. The ten sheep employ various, and often humorous, ways of getting over the fence and into the barn.

The book is available at Xlibris, Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Well done, Jessica!



*Library Director, Christine Rajner, behind the Circulation Desk, always ready to help*



Theresa Free Library is situated right on Main Street in the Town of Theresa. While the library received its charter in 1902, it has been in the current building since 1910. The library was constructed for \$7,500 with funds from the Carnegie Foundation. It is, therefore, considered to be an original Carnegie library.



*Items on display in museum include military uniforms and a loom pictured above*



*Model of Town of Theresa as it appeared in 1870*

History is honored and memories kept alive at the Theresa Library. The upper level serves as a museum with numerous artifacts from Theresa's rich history. On the main level there is an interesting 1870 model of the town that attracts attention immediately upon entering the building. In the foyer is a display case that features exhibits of historical interest, such as the milk bottles pictured at right.

In the past ten years the library has been repainted and had new carpeting installed and drapery hung, but the library board has maintained the historical and architectural integrity of the building. All woodwork, light fixtures (some of which may be seen in these photos) and the majority of the furniture is original.



*Looking down to the main level from upper floor museum*

The community clearly appreciates its library. Director, Christine Rajner, who is by the way only the sixth library director to serve in the past 100 years, is very personable and helpful. She has kept in touch with past patrons who have left the area including a family who now resides in Belize.

While the library celebrates the rich history of the Theresa community, they strive to keep current with technology. Along with public access computers, the library offers free Wi-Fi and has recently signed a contract to begin the process of automating with the Sirsi circulation system. Congratulations to Theresa Free Library and best wishes for the next 100 years.



*View from ground floor to upper level*



*Antique milk bottle display*

## Fall Fling in Dexter



Dexter Free Library held *Fall Fling*, its annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 16th. The event featured a book sale, pie and baked goods sale, craft

sale, pulled-pork BBQ provided by Smokey's BBQ and for the first time, a Merchant's Raffle. Seventeen Dexter Area businesses donated gifts/gift certificates to the Library to raffle off. Items included a day of pet boarding, free round of golf, hair and tanning salons, pizza, and more.



The book and craft sale continued through October 28th. The Fall Fling raised \$1,828 for library improvements!

## NCLS Calendar of Events

[www.nclsweb.org/events](http://www.nclsweb.org/events)



### December

- 23rd- Christmas Holiday. NCLS Closed  
No Delivery
- 24th- Christmas Holiday. NCLS Closed  
No Delivery
- 31st- New Year's Holiday, NCLS closed  
No Delivery

### January

- 14th- NYS Annual Reports due to NCLS
- 17th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
NCLS Closed, No Delivery

## NCLS Welcomes New Staff



*Don Keruskie*

NCLS has two new staff members through the federally funded Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). Don Keruskie joins us as the Learning Center Coordinator. He was raised in Dexter and attended General Brown schools. He spent some time away from the north country then returned to the area approximately ten years ago. Don has degrees from Jefferson Community College and the University of Phoenix. He enjoys movies, music, politics, technology and likes to keep up with current events in the world. Don lists *253* by Geoff Ryman as his favorite book, while Kurt Vonnegut is his favorite author. His favorite movie is *The Man from Earth*. Don is looking forward to providing learning opportunities to the member libraries and the organizations in their communities. Prior to this position, Don worked at

Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc., but some may remember him from his time at NCLS in the past. We are delighted that he has returned!



*Branden Smith*

Branden Smith is the Learning Center Technician. He is a north country native and earned degrees from Jefferson Community College and State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome. Branden worked various jobs prior to joining us at NCLS; most recently he was a substitute teacher at the Watertown City School District. Branden likes to spend his time reading, playing video games, cooking & baking, and trying new things. His favorite authors are Steven King and R.A. Salvatore and his favorite books are those in the *Dark Tower* series. While he doesn't have a favorite movie, he thought that *The Fountain* was pretty good.

Welcome Don and Branden!

## Open House in Belleville



On Wednesday, November 10th, the Philomathean Free Library of Belleville held an open house to showcase all that the library has to offer and to thank the community and local politicians for their continued support.

Jefferson County Legislator, Barry Ormsby, a good friend to our county's public libraries, was on hand for the celebration. Mr. Ormsby is pictured above at the upper right with Library Director, Linda Strader, trustees of the library and representatives from NCLS. It was a great evening. Thank you to all who participated.



*May the peace and joy of this holiday season be with you and yours throughout the coming year.*

*Happy Holidays from all of us at North Country Library System.*

If your library has newsworthy information to share in *NCLS Access*, please contact Joan Pellikka at NCLS: 782-5540 or [jpellikka@ncls.org](mailto:jpellikka@ncls.org)

## Warming Up Kids in Morristown



A *Close-Knit Group*, Morristown Public Library's knitting club, donated twenty-three pairs of mittens, six hats, and one scarf to Morristown Central School. School nurse, Mindy, was very pleased

to receive the mittens and assures the club members that the items will be put to excellent use. More items are in the works for distribution to MCS students.

A *Close-Knit Group* meets at the library each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and is open to knitters of all skill levels. Since their origin in 2009, the group has shipped 16 sweaters to *Guideposts* magazine and 160 helmet liners to soldiers in Afghanistan. They also have raised \$269 in fundraising activities for the Morristown Public Library.

Club members pictured here are Bridget Whalen-Nevin, Sue Wilson, Mindy Dodd, Dianna Eggleston, Betty Clements, and club founder Judy Taylor. And look at those smiles! This friendly group certainly puts love in every stitch.

## Automation Update

Congratulations to Harrisville Free Library, which had their "Go Live" day on October 26th and is now fully automated using the Sirsi circulation system!

Libraries currently barcoding their collections are:

Central Square Library  
Croghan Free Library  
Phoenix Public Library  
Rensselaer Falls Library  
Williamstown Library



The list continues to grow. Morley, Lyons Falls and Theresa have recently signed contracts and are preparing to automate as well.

If your library is interested in automation, please contact your Consultant at NCLS.