



# Sherman Free Library

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## Friends of the Sherman Free Library

It helps to have friends. Recently, citizens met over pumpkin donuts and cider to create a new “Friends of the Library” to support special library events, fundraising activities, and outreach.

Several people of all ages showed up and discussed first steps such as organizing Holiday events this year including a Holiday Bazaar featuring local artists, crafters, and authors. In the longer-term, the Friends hope to sponsor events such as puppeteers, magicians, and storytellers. They are also looking for ideas for lectures and author readings.

A Friends group existed for several years in the 1990s. The new

group hopes to strengthen the Library's outreach and programs for the 21st century. One possibility is to create special programs for varied age groups like children, teens, and seniors. We discussed how seniors have a great interest in learning computer skills and that perhaps teens and adults could be on-hand to tutor them. There are also great opportunities for service learning for high school students, such as serving the library as volunteers in many capacities.

The possibilities are endless. So share your ideas! To join or for more information, call the library at 546-7461 or just stop by.

*The Sherman Free Library is a not-for-profit organization established in 1887. Mr. George Riley Sherman built the library and left an endowment for the operation of the library. Currently the library uses the interest from the trust, plus support from the Town of Moriah, the Village of Port Henry, the CEF library system, and the annual appeal for its operating funds.*



## Upcoming Events & Programs

Don't let Old Man Winter keep you snowed in! The library is planning some terrific events and programs for the winter months including computer skills for seniors and Eat Smart New York.

Events on tap for Spring at the library include a gardening program and the ever-popular wine and cheese tasting.

*See you at the library!*

## Library Hours

Tuesday ..... 12 - 4 pm  
Wednesday ..... 12 - 4 pm  
Thursday ..... 12 - 7 pm  
Friday ..... 12 - 7 pm  
Saturday ..... 10 am - 2 pm



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# THE LIBRARY'S RICH TROVE OF REGIONAL HISTORICAL MATERIALS

by Frank Martin

Sherman Free Library is home to a large archive of historic photos, pamphlets, maps, post cards and scrapbooks that date back to its founding in 1887. Many items are one-of-a-kind and important primary sources for historic research into Moriah's social, economic, and mining history. The Library's local history collections do not circulate but are available for viewing by asking library staff. Most of the collections are held in the oak "Witherbee Case". This finely-crafted glass fronted cabinet can be found just below one the library's greatest paintings, the *View of Crown Point*, painted by J. Hope and originally owned by Silas H. Witherbee.



In writing and illustrating our local illustrated history book, *Moriah and Port Henry in the Adirondacks*, Jackie Viestenz and I used the collections in this case extensively. This book and newly-reproduced historical post-cards from the library's collections are available for sale.

## BOOK GROUP

The book discussion group meets from 6-7 pm on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the library.

December 19, 2013 - [The House on Mango Street](#) by Sandra Cisneros

January 16, 2014 - [The Girls of Atomic City](#) by Denise Kiernan

February 20, 2014 - [The Poisonwood Bible](#) by Barbara Kingsolver

March 20, 2014 - [The Invisible Bridge](#) by Julie Orringer

New members are always welcome. Contact the library for more information.



### Holiday Hours

December 25 and 26 - Closed  
December 27 - Closing at 4 pm  
January 1 - Closed



## Sherman Free Library

**Trustees:** Staley Rich, President; Sue Nephew, Vice President  
Rose French, Acting Secretary; Eileen Anderson, Treasurer  
Bill Bryant, Cathy Leveille, Betty LaMoria, Walt Wojewodzc  
Mayor of Port Henry, Town of Moriah Supervisor

**Staff:** Andrea Anesi, Library Director; Gail Baker, Library Assistant

Substitutes: Sue Baker, Jackie Viestenz, Frank Martin

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Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System: [www.cefls.org](http://www.cefls.org)

Sherman Free Library page:  
[www.porthenrymoriah.com/living-here/about/sherman-free-library](http://www.porthenrymoriah.com/living-here/about/sherman-free-library)

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