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From the Desk of the Director



If it is February in Fredonia then it must be time for the Big Read.

Schools and libraries across Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties are reading this year's selection, *My Antonia*, in print, online, and serially in the Chautauqua Star newspaper.

Thanks to the efforts of Emily VanDette and Dawn Eckenrode a cadre of students are working with libraries to provide exhibits and programming.

Jan McVicker's students are working with nursing home residents and staff, while Susan McGee is enlightening audiences to the inner working of a writer's mind with lectures on Willa Cather.

Ted Sharon and students from the department of Theater and Dance came through for the community in a big way by rescuing a performance of *My Antonia* at the Reg Lenna Civic Center that was about to be cancelled.

The Fredonia First Friday Contra Dance is getting into the spirit of the Big Read by calling a Virginia Reel in the spirit of "My Antonia".

Thanks to the efforts of Mary Lou DeWolf, Reed is currently displaying an exhibit of photos that document Willa Cather's life and a collection of turn of the century farming implements and household items. Being a tool guy myself, I really enjoy the planes, spoke shaves and other tools on display.

So stop by, try to identify some of the mystery tools, check out the butter churn, the plow made in Fredonia, and the milking stool that attaches to your bottom.



For a complete listing of Big Read activities visit the Reed Library webpage.



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New Collection: The Springer eBook collection: Arts and Sciences titles 2005-2010

Reed Library has obtained more than 18,000 electronic book titles from Springer Books as part of a consortial purchase with other SUNY libraries. The collection covers all areas of the arts and sciences, and can be accessed using individual records in Reed's online catalog, or by browsing the collection via a link on the library's home page.

These books are available to persons affiliated with SUNY Fredonia from on campus and from home.

Topics include:

- Architecture, Design & Arts
- Behavioral Science
- Biology & Life Science
- Business & Economics
- Chemistry & Material Science
- Computer Science
- Earth & Environmental Science
- Engineering
- Humanities, Social Science, & Law
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Physics & Astronomy
- Professional Computing and Web Design

Saying Goodbye...

After more than 20 years service to Reed Library, and SUNY Fredonia, we wish a fond farewell to Vincent Courtney.

Reed Library Staff wish him the best in his retirement.

