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# Library News

## The Falconer Public Library's New Staff

### **Library Director: Laurie Becker**

Laurie is an alumni of Falconer Central School. She received her BS in Elementary Education at St. Bonaventure University and her MS in Reading at SUNY Geneseo. She is a former First Grade teacher at Temple Elementary. Laurie has been the Story Hour Director at the library for the past seventeen years. She has also been a Bar Code Technician and part time Library Assistant for the library. Laurie and her husband Tim are the parents of two daughters, Carolyn and Elizabeth.

### **Senior Library Clerk: Sandy Thies**

Sandy received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from SUNY Fredonia. She has three grown sons, Andrew, Matthew (fiancé Holly), and John. Sandy has been with the Falconer Library in some capacity for over 20 years serving as a past Story Hour Director and Bar Code Technician. She has also worked at Noah's Ark Preschool, Falconer Central School and Head Start. Sandy enjoys quilting, cooking and of course reading.

### **Library Assistant: Maree Dunn**

Maree was born and raised outside of Seattle, Washington. She earned a Bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Education from Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois. She has lived in Falconer for the last eight years with her husband, Keith; nine-year-old daughter, Madalynn; three cats; two rabbits; and one goldfish. In conjunction with her position at the library, she also works part-time at JCC. Maree loves reading, walking, and spending time with her daughter.

### **Library Assistant: Dawn Swanson**

Dawn is a 1992 graduate of Mayville Central School. She has been happily married for 25 years and is the proud Mother of 3 and Grandmother of 2. Dawn has resided in the Falconer Central school district for 21 years. She has belonged to the Jamestown Christian & Missionary Alliance church for 21 years where she currently directs All The King's Cooks; a monthly cooking class open to the community.

### **Story Hour Director: Ashley Nelson**

Ashley graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 2010 with a degree in Elementary and Special Education. She taught at schools in Pittsburgh before moving back to the Jamestown area with her husband to start a family. Her two children have attended the Story Hour program at the Falconer Public Library and she is excited to carry on the beloved program as the new Story Hour Director. Reading to her own children has always been a favorite pastime and Ashley can't wait to share her love and joy for reading with other young minds.



New Staff (l-r) Maree Dunn, Dawn Swanson, Laurie Becker, Sandy Thies, Ashley Nelson

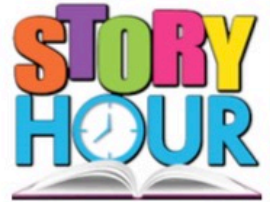


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## New Story Hour Director

Falconer Public Library is excited to announce that Ashley Nelson is their new Story Hour Director. The Story Hour program is a 30 week registered program on Wednesday mornings beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> and finishing on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The three year old class meets from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, the four year old class is held from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Each week there will be a theme with stories, songs, crafts and snacks. There are still openings for both classes. To register, visit the library at 101 W. Main Street in Falconer, or call 665-3504.



## Thank You!



The first week of August was an exciting one at the library! We prepared for, and enjoyed our 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Book Sale! We thank the Falconer DPW for their help in bringing tables and sharing workers to help carry the many boxes of books up from the basement. We thank the numerous volunteers that gave many hours of their time to sort and set up for the sale as well as those who worked during the sale. We thank all of the people who came to the sale and bought so many wonderful books and puzzles! It could never happen without all of you! We truly appreciate all of your help and support and generosity! This is our only fund-raising event and all proceeds will go towards the purchase of new materials for the library.

## Coming Events

### October:

- Selborne Classes from Falconer Central Middle School
- Nancy Dunbar–Chautauqua Opportunities Alzheimer Services presentation: Dementia Behaviors

### November:

- Ro Woodard – Maravian Stars Origami Paper Folding

### December:

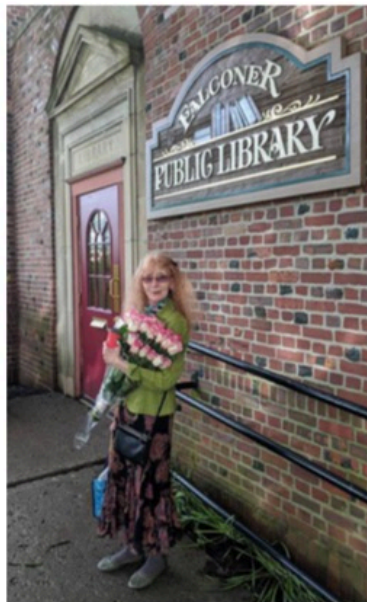
- Holiday Book/Puzzle Sale

### January:

- Local Author – Jessie Anderson Destiny by Design series

Come see our on- going photo display from various members of the Jamestown Audubon Society Nature Photography Club!

## Outreach Coordinator



Sue Seamans, who served as the Falconer Public Library Director for the past 44 years, continues her outreach by facilitating book borrowing at adult day centers, residential campuses and assisted living communities locally. Her services have been well received and are appreciated.

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### Library Hours

**Monday – Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday - Friday**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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