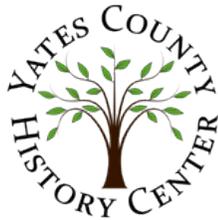


Our fall **YCRE** luncheon/meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 2nd at 12:00 at the Moose Lodge**. Please come and join your fellow retired educators for a luncheon/social time followed by an entertaining program presented by another of our own hometown heroes.

MYSTERIES AT THE MUSEUM



What teacher has a museum named after her where you can see 100 year old suffragette petitions? Who was the woman that came as a pioneer in 1787, and where are her belongings? In 1917, young men left Yates County for the War to End All Wars. Where can you find their names, pictures and stories?

Find out, when **Sallie Jensen**, board president of the Yates County History Center, brings these stories and more to our meeting. There will be old photos at the tables for you to discover how much you know about where we live, and rizes for those identifying the most pictures.

From our President

I have very much enjoyed serving on the executive team of YCRE for the last several years, and especially as president the past two years. The term of our current officers will be ending in the spring, and we will be looking for a new executive committee to provide leadership in the fall. If you'd like to serve on the Nominating Committee - or, better yet, take on an office (a two year term - four meetings), please let me know. We would love to have you! Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve you!

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Books for Yates County Christmas

At our October meeting, we are asking members to bring in books for middle and high school students. They will be given to families at the annual Yates County Christmas, where there has been a shortage of books at these levels. Here is a list of suggested titles. Thank you for your generosity!

- The Unwanteds, Lisa McMann
- Divergent Series, Veronica Roth
- Carve the Mark, Veronica Roth
- The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins
- Girl, Stolen, April Henry
- Maze Runner Series, James Dashner
- The Hate You Give, Angie Thomas
- Crossover, Kwame Alexander
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian, Sherman Alexie
- Pax, Sara Pennypacker
- Home of the Brave, Katherine Applegate
- Mortal Instruments Series, Cassandra Clare
- Middle School Series, James Patterson
- A Series of Unfortunate Events, Lemony Snicket
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Holes, Louis Sachar
- The Phantom Tollbooth, Norton Juster
- The Outsiders, SE Hinton



- Wonder, RJ Palacio
- To Kill A Mockingbird, Harper Lee
- A Wrinkle in Time, Madeline L'Engle
- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler, EL Koninsburg
- Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Patterson
- A Separate Peace, John Knowles
- Call of the Wild, Jack London
- The Chocolate War, Robert Cormier

Popular Authors

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| John Greene | Rainbow Rowell |
| Marcus Zusak | Nicola Yoon |
| Jenny Han | Sarah Dessen |
| Gary Paulsen | James Howe |
| Jewel Parker Rhodes | Lois Lowry |
| Rick Riordan | JK Rowling |
| Jacqueline Woodson | Kate DiCamillo |
| Roald Dahl | |

LEGISLATION: NANCY SCHER

Do we need (want) a Constitutional Convention? Some reasons you might want to vote "NO" this November.

Although ALL Constitutional Amendments could be changed through a defined legislative process, the Constitutional Convention allows the opportunity for "special interest" groups, rather than our elected legislators, to fill the Delegate seats. These selected delegates may "sneak" through changes that serve only special interests that would otherwise be unacceptable to the general population.

Cost: The convention would be prohibitive, costing an estimated \$340 million, paid for with taxpayers money.

Public Pension System: The present protections could disappear, and they could be taxed.

Public Education: School vouchers and/or State Aid to Religious Schools could be affected and spending along with tax caps could become mandatory.

Labor Rights: Worker's rights to organize and bargain collectively could become restricted, as has happened in other states.

Civil Rights: Voting rights could be limited that would impact targeted populations, as in other states.

Economic Fairness: Minimum wages and prevailing wage rules could change.

Women's Rights: Women's reproductive and health rights could be infringed.

Environment: Changes could allow for further lumbering, logging, and mining, resulting in the destruction or elimination of the undeveloped areas of the state.

Previous Convention held in 1967: After all the time and expense, the proposed new Constitution was voted DOWN.

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FRIENDLY SERVICE: ELAINE GLEASON

Hello and Happy Autumn from Friendly Service! It is time once again to gather and enjoy the company of our fellow Retired Educators! Did you miss that Opening Day Conference Meeting in September?

Sallie Jensen from the **Yates County History Center** will be our guest speaker on October 2 and the **50/50** from our meeting will go to help support the History Center.

We are asking that you bring books for **MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS** which will be distributed at Christmas. Please see the list in this newsletter for suggestions or check with Judy Marsh!

If you know of someone who could use a card of cheer, get well, or sympathy please contact me and one will be sent from the group. We never realize how much one small card can do to brighten someone's day!

Thank you to all the faithful Friendly Service "helpers" who send out cards for birthdays and such! Thank you also to the Executive Officers who so willingly donate the door prizes for each meeting!

MEMBERSHIP: KAY MEISCH

I am looking forward to meeting our dozen new retirees at our October 2, 2017 Yates County Retired Educators Luncheon at the Moose Club. There are no dues for the first year and after that, the dues are \$5/year. YCRE is one of 9 County Units making up Central Western Zone. New York State Retired Teachers Association (NYSRTA) is made of zones in each part of the state. The cost of joining NYSRTA is \$30/year and gives you many benefits such as: travel opportunities, newsletter, insurance and annuity programs, variety of volunteer and social activities. Come and join us and get to visit with friends you taught with and it's also a great opportunity to meet new friends.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: LYN FITCH

Do you walk along the road, on a treadmill, or around a track? Or did you get that bike on the road? Maybe you participated in a fundraising event like the Hope Walk, or any health fundraisers—or sponsored a walker? We will have sheets on the tables for you to record the information. NYSRTA wants to know and give our unit credit! Thanks!!