

Volunteer NewsNote * June 2010

Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service

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“NFRRS Summer Break”: July 6-Sept. 6!

Recording til 7:30pm Mon., til 1:30pm Tue.-Fri., til Noon Sat.-Sun.!

Because our agency continues to battle the financial pressures of the current economic downturn, the **Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service** will reduce our studio hours during **“Summer Break”** from Tuesday, July 6 through Monday, September 6. **During that nine-week period**, while 24-hour-per-day **Radio Reading** will continue for our blind and print-handicapped listeners, **volunteer Radio Reading recording will take place only during the following times: 8 am-7:30 pm on Mondays, 8 am-1:30 pm on Tuesdays-Fridays and 8 am-Noon on Saturdays and Sundays.**

*** From July 6 until September 6, there will be no volunteer recordings of readings after 1:30pm on weekdays (except for Mondays!) and Noon on weekends. In addition, there will be no “live” reading of the Buffalo News at 4pm (except for Mondays!) from July 6 through September 6.

Regular afternoon and evening Radio Reading recordings—and the “live” 4pm Buffalo News readings— will resume on Tuesday, September 7. ***

Unlike last year’s **NFRRS Summer Break**, where weekday afternoon and evening recordings were completely stopped, **this year’s “Summer Break” invites NFRRS volunteers to record readings on Monday afternoons & evenings until 7:30 pm.** We felt that last year’s Summer Break schedule eliminated any recordings by people who could only come in on afternoons or evenings, and we wanted to offer some afternoon and evening time slots on Mondays until 7:30 pm.

We apologize for any inconvenience to our volunteer readers, but the economic financial disaster has hit the **NFRRS** very hard. While we spend every effort to raise needed funds, we must reduce expenses. **“Summer Break”** enables us to continue **NFRRS** programming, while cutting air-conditioning costs and saving other costs as well.

*** **During the July 6-September 6 period, the “live” 9am-11am Buffalo News and Noon-2pm USA Today readings will continue. The 4pm-6pm Buffalo News “live” reading will not be aired July 6-September 6. It will resume on September 7.**

*** **During the July 6-September 6 period, we invite volunteers who normally record readings during the afternoon and evening to sign up for available studio time in mornings or early afternoon (or on Monday afternoons and evenings. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted. *** To help the situation, we are asking that recording readers only sign up for no more than one recording shift per week during Summer Break. Please understand that we are sincerely trying to make the best of a truly difficult situation.**

*** **Those readers who normally do the “live” weekday 4-6 pm Buffalo News readings are invited to join us again at 4 pm in September, and perhaps consider filling-in on the other “live” time slots.**

As for our listeners, our daily 9 am-4 pm programming will be rebroadcast each day 4 pm-11pm during Summer Break, with special programs to be aired 11 pm-9 am.

We at the **NFRRS** know that this is a difficult temporary change. We respectfully ask for your understanding and support during the Summer, and we hope that we can count on you as volunteers and valued members of the **NFRRS** family in the days to come. Thank you for caring, and I look forward to talking with each of you in the near future.

Robert Sikorski, President, Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service

This summer, **NFRRS** holds its 15th annual **“Radio Reading Makes Cents” Coin Drive.** Official **“Radio Reading Makes Cents” coin collection bottles** will be available. However, coins are most welcome in any container! People can drop off coins for the **“Radio Reading Makes Cents” Coin Drive** anytime at **NFRRS.** We can pick up large quantities of coins on request. Your coins do add up. Our **“Cents”** drives have raised more than \$12,000. Thanks for your “cold cash”-- it makes cents for **Radio Reading!**

Happy Birthday to NFRRS Volunteers celebrating their birthday in June:

- * Steve Arnold of East Aurora
- * Marie Bandroch of Cheektowaga
- * John Connors of Buffalo
- * Walter Dannhauser of Wlmsville.
- * Janet DeForest of Hamburg
- * Donna Dickey of Buffalo
- * Dona Dickman of Buffalo
- * Kathie DiGiore of Lancaster
- * Pat Edwards of Orchard Park
- * David Hall of East Amherst
- * Marilyn Johnson of Grand Island
- * John Kociela of Amherst
- * Marv Mahle of Snyder
- * Ann Marie Malachowski of Wlms.
- * Bill Muehlbauer of Depew
- * Carol Mueller of Cheektowaga
- * Jim Nowak of Cheektowaga
- * Peg Ortman of West Seneca
- * Ann Perez of Lackawanna
- * David Roll of West Seneca
- * Harry Ray of Amherst
- * Louise Seereiter of Amherst
- * Billie Jo Storfer of Williamsville
- * Lucy Warde of Williamsville

The NFRRS “Book & Media Super-Sale is June 11-12!

The 3rd annual **NFRRS Book & Media Super-Sale**, will be held on **Friday, June 11 (8am-4pm) and Saturday, June 12 (8am-2pm) in front of the NFRRS Studios at 1199 Harlem Rd., Cheektowaga.** On sale will be thousands of books, books-on-tape/CD, CD’s, DVD’s, videos, records & cassettes. Proceeds benefit the **NFRRS.** Volunteers and friends of **NFRRS** are urgently needed to help staff the Sale on **Fri, June 11 & Sat., June 12--** We need help both days in early am, am & pm— especially for set-up & tear-down. Sign up to help out on the Sign-Up Sheet near the front door. Please let people know about the **NFRRS June 11-12 “Book & Media Super-Sale.** If you would like to help promote the Sale, fliers are at **NFRRS.** Please take and post them...Thanks for donating, promoting, helping and buying!

The 11th **Chinese Super-Auction** for the **Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service** (WNY’s best) will be a pre-Thanksgiving spectacular--on Sunday afternoon, November 21, 1pm-5pm, at the Hearthstone Manor (Dick Rd., north of Walden). Mark your calendar. You can win spectacular items! Area merchants can receive great publicity by donating items and/or gift certificates for the auction!