

I would like to thank Valle Blair of Jamestown and Sara Hart of Fredonia Barker Library for being chosen the Winner of the 2020 CCLS Adult Book Review Summer Reading Program. I feel very honored to be chosen for this award in 2020.

My love of reading started early in my life as my mother, Anna, introduced and instilled in me the joy and exciting adventures reading books held.

Obtaining my first library card opened a world of opportunity to explore the "Nancy Drew" and "Bobbsey Twins" series. Many a cold winter night, my sister Priscilla and I would read the adventures of "The Five Little Peppers" series and feel so secure and fortunate to have a loving and comfortable home life.

Currently I have the privilege to belong to four area book clubs. They have expanded and encouraged my delight in reading a diverse variety of literature. The Open Circle Book Club (former University Women's Book Club), the Fredonia Library Book Club under direction of Carey Caserta led to many discussions, the Dunkirk Library Book Club started in 2006 with my being one of the first members. Under Janice Dekoff's guidance we had 16 - 20 ladies of all backgrounds as participants. Though our number is smaller, due to COVID, we continue with interesting variety of books. And lastly, the Westfield Literary Club, with Pres. Mary Bivens, and the encouragement of fellow members we have read books by Thomas Hardy, Marcel Proust, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, to mention just a few.

Our local libraries celebrated 2020 with the CCLS 2020 Reading Challenge, with 20 books of numerous categories. It was a fun activity and I hope many of you were a part of this project.

Thank you all. Helen (Waite) Burlett