



2020
Lake Pleasant Public Library
Letter to the Community

This past year has been challenging to our community, and Covid-19 has changed life for everyone. The Lake Pleasant Public Library worked hard to make a difference in our communities. March 13, 2020, was the first day we were closed to our communities due to the pandemic. Within a week, the library was open to those who called us, and we provided contactless pickup. With restrictions required by the State of New York, we began everything from cleaning high touch areas, encouraging people not to linger (when our doors finally opened) to quarantining items coming into the library.

Each year we bring programs to our community that is community-focused, covering a range of topics. Covid-19 put a severe restriction on one of the best aspects of the library. Late in 2020, we began an abbreviated Lego program. We limited the number of children, and the program instructor was the only one to handle the Legos from the big box. The children were excited and not deterred at all. We were able to hold our Halloween Celebration and seen a large number of children and parents.

As restrictions eased up, we began to see a more significant number of our patrons. We started to operate at 50% in May, and people began to return slowly. I'm optimistic, 2021 will be a remarkable improvement over the previous year. With the pandemic cases dropping and people getting the vaccine, I predict our community will once again visit our library in more significant numbers.

Remember: Without libraries, what have we? We have no past and no future.

-- Ray Bradbury

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