



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report
June 2023

The Collection Committee met on May 9, 2023. 28 items were ordered for June. The last of the order arrived on July 27, minus one book that will be released late July. The Collection Committee met for June on June 21, 2023. 32 items were ordered and are expected to arrive between the end of June and beginning of July.

The Collection Committee discussed changing the format of how books are ordered each month to be more aligned with our needs over the summer, as well as to keep more up-to-date with getting new titles and best sellers into the Library sooner. I will put together a new outline of a new schedule for the Collection Committee to follow, based on the feedback given at the June 21 meeting, and after discussing collection best practices with other SALS Libraries. The Collection Committee also decided to move their meetings to the beginning of each month so new orders can be placed at the beginning of each month, then processed and put into circulation by the middle to end of each month. Our next collection meeting is set for July 3.

Friends of the Library have received a number of large donations during the month of June. Katrena reached out to multiple Friends Members to introduce herself with the hope of working together more closely.

Pam Pooler donated:

- Things I Wish I Told My Mother (Susan Patterson, Susan DiLallo, James Patterson)
- The One And Only Bob

Which were both on our purchase list for July 2023. Pam also donated three children's books for our Dinosaur Day event on June 30.

Toni Morrison donated Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone by Diana Gabaldon. We have a small collection of her books to use as backups for when the books on the shelves become too damaged.

From the JA Polaris Reports, during the month of June:

- 177 adult fiction books were taken out, while we have 3162 in holdings
- 128 adult movies were checked out, while we have 1519 in holdings
- 86 children's fiction books were checked out, we have 1130 in holdings
- 36 children's videos were checked out, we have 675 in holdings
- 18 classics were checked out, we have 211 in holdings.
- 50 young adult fiction were checked out, we have 456 in holdings



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Director's Report

We had 575 patrons during the month of June, 2023. Of those patrons, 38 used the computers, and 11 meetings/events were held, with a total of 57 people.

379 people used the wireless. 7 new library cards were issued. Items from Lake Pleasant to other Libraries totaled 55. Items transferred from MVLS/SALS to us totaled 194. 897 items were checked out.

Programs

In June, the following events were held at the library:

- Hamilton County Soil & Water Presentation (June 5)
- Town of Lake Pleasant Board Meeting (June 5)
- Library BOT meeting (June 6)
- Farewell Party for Sherry (June 13)
- Beth's Brush (June 15)
- Lake Pleasant Sacandaga Association (June 17)
- Audubon Society Speaker (June 20)
- Library Collection Committee (June 21)
- Friends of the Library Book Sale (June 23)
- Book Club (June 28)
- DK Dinosaur Day (June 30)

Of these, the library hosted two programs. "Nature Images from the Adks and Beyond", with Warren Greene and John Loz. The program was very successful with 28 attendees! DK Dinosaur Day was planned last minute (thanks Toni Morrison for giving us the heads up!), and brought in 12 participants.

Collection procedures are in the process of being updated after discussing best collection practices with Erica Freudenberger (SALS), and the Collection Committee will take these new suggestions under advisement in order to make the collection process easier and include more recent best sellers and popular new books, as well as more Jr Fiction and YA books.

On June 12, 2023, our fire alarm went off just past 7pm. The Speculator Volunteer Fire Department arrived promptly, assessed the grounds and cleared the alarm. The CO2 alarm was triggered somehow. A member of the Board will need to sign off on fire procedures and materials sometime in July.



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On June 28, all library staff participated in a Zoom training from Jill Ryder on using LEAP (the online Polaris platform).

On June 29, Jim Baker visited the library to install two new PCs. One public PC was replaced (which had been out of order for several months), the other PC replaced was a staff computer.

As of June 30, we've secured two summer volunteers: Chrissy Michenzi and Barbara Condon. Chrissy will volunteer from 3-6pm on Mondays in July and part of August, and Barbara will volunteer from 4-7pm on Fridays in July and August. I am still recruiting additional volunteers for the summer months.

In addition to volunteering, Chrissy Michenzi agreed to help host Makerspace Mondays on July 17, 24, and 31. Makerspace activities encourage young people to use, and learn with their hands with open ended crafts and creations. Chrissy will bring her own materials for kids to use, and I am donating some craft materials as well. Flyers were made and handed out to families in the library starting in mid June. I also created a Facebook event for the dates, and have been sharing FB posts.

I have also been working to confirm the rest of the library's summer programs, and have met with Sally Cross (Speculator / Lake Pleasant Historical Society) to discuss details about the joint programs we're hosting this summer. I have also been in touch with David Brooks from Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, which is an Erie Canal historic site operated by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, about hosting a program for kids and a program for adults at the end of August.

Throughout the summer, the library will hand out a Summer Reading BINGO Challenge for young readers. Children can complete the activities with their parents, and return the completed activities (3 in a row for a BINGO, or all activities), for prizes.

On June 29, Lake Pleasant Central School called to inform us that they received an updated construction schedule from their contractor, and due to that they'll be unable to serve as the venue for the Garrow - 50 Years Later presentation. I spoke with Heather Philo and she said that there will be multiple lifts in the gym, with open ceilings and wires, which would make it unsafe for any members of the public to be in the gym.



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I also spoke with Sally Cross and Karen McComb to update them, and we were able to move the venue to Oak Mountain. The date and time of the presentation remain unchanged. We will need to either ask the school to use one of their large AppleTVs for the presentation, or look into buying a projector screen. I emailed Lawrence Gooley on June 29 to let him know about the venue change and to see if he had any other needs for the space.

Thank you for your continued support!

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