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### **Monthly Report August 2023**

The Collection Committee met on Aug 1, 2023. 30 items were ordered for August. The majority of the order arrived on Aug 16. We're still receiving books from the order, and working on getting them processed and into circulation. The Collection Committee will meet again on September 5th to order books for the month.

Friends of the Library held book sale on August 25 and 26. No financial donations were made this month.

The Friends of the Library had a meeting on Aug 28 at the Library; Pam Pooler, Nancy Seifts, and Beth Knapp were in attendance. Items discussed were:

- Having a Friends of the Library member join me and Pam at a free workshop hosted by Four County Library System (4CLS), along with the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association. The workshop is Monday, September 18 in Norwich.
- A possible outreach event (Oak Mountain's Oaktoberfest, or an Open House here at the library) to share information about the Friends program and recruit new members.
- Ways Friends members can assist with library events, such as volunteering to sell our Gift Card Tree Raffle tickets at Charlie Johns, or being at Music on the Point next year to sell tickets for Quack-a-Palooza, or volunteering as a reader for PreK story time.
- Library projects that need financial assistance, such as installing the lean-to in the children's room.

We hope the items above will lead to renewed collaboration and cooperation with the Friends of the Library!

During the month of August:

- Our library had 1,309 check outs, 227 borrowers, and had 174 holds placed
- Adult fiction books were circulated 268 times
- Children's fiction books were circulated 169 times
- Adult videos were circulated 104 times
- Children's videos were circulated 70 times
- Books from our Adirondack collection were circulated 25 times
- We transferred 202 items to fulfill holds to other branches within the SALS libraries
- We transferred 60 items to fulfill holds to libraries within the MVLS libraries



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For comparison, looking back on our numbers from August 2022:

- Our library had 1,161 checkouts, 183 borrowers, and had 194 holds placed
- Adult fiction books were circulated 281 times
- Children's fiction books were circulated 74 times
- Adult videos were circulated 217 times
- Children's videos were circulated 56 times
- Books from our Adirondack collection were circulated 3 times
- We transferred 174 items to fulfill holds to other branches within the SALS libraries
- We transferred 49 items to fulfill holds to libraries within the MVLS libraries

Next summer I would like to make a push to make the public (both year round residents, and summer residents and visitors) more aware of our Adirondack collection, and find creative ways to get these books circulated more.

### **Director's Report**

We had 1,062 patrons during the month of August, 2023. Of those patrons, 91 used the computers, and 16 events were held, with a total of appx 351 people.

887 people used the wireless. 32 new library cards were issued. A total of 1,028 items were checked out.

### **Programs**

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

- Shakespeare's The Tempest (August 1) at the Speculator Pavilion
- Library Collection Committee Meeting (August 1)
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting (August 1)
- Town Board Meeting (August 7)
- Fabric & Craft Garage Sale (August 8)
- HAM Radio Test (August 12)
- Historical Society Presentation (August 15)
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- Library BOT Training (August 15)
- Quack-a-Palooza (August 16) at the Rte 30 bridge
- Lake Pleasant Sacandaga Association Meeting (August 19)
- Utica Zoomobile (August 21) at the Speculator Pavilion
- Friends of the Library Book Sale (August 25 and 26)
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Black Bear Presentation (August 26)
- Schoharie Crossing State Historical Site Presentations (one presentation at 5pm and one at 7pm on August 29)



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## Programs

In September, we have the following events coming up:

- Library Collection Committee Meeting (September 5)
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting (September 5)
- Town Board Meeting (September 5)
- Grandparent's Day Story Time & Brunch (Sept 9)
- Dance classes begin on Sept 11 and will be held weekly on Monday and Wednesday afternoons/evenings through the end of the year
- Cornell Cooperative Extension (September 12)
- PreK Story Time will begin on September 14 and will be held weekly on Thursdays through the end of the year
- LPSA Meeting (September 16)
- Speculator DRAG meeting (September 16)
- Historical Society meeting (September 19)
- Beth's Brush (September 21)
- 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's (September 28)

I'm also working on programming for the last half of the year, and early part of 2024.

Possible programming could include:

- Weekly story time for PreK
- Chess and LEGO Club
- Regular school visits from LPCS students
- Tech Tuesdays (informal drop in hour for patrons to get help with technology)
- The Great Giveback - a community service initiative to provide a day of opportunities for the patrons of the Public Libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. I'm thinking a 'Read & Feed' food drive during the month of October, or a Create & Collect Cards for military personnel or the elderly
- National Good Neighbor Day event (Sept 28)
- Coloring Club for adults
- Our yearly Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event
- A Christmas Carol program by The Traveling Lantern
- Our yearly Holiday Stroll, with a new Letters to Santa mailbox for kids
- Abe Ovadia, jazz guitarist and composer
- Virtual Author event with L.A. Brink, author of Unstable

## Other Updates

Our fire extinguishers were inspected on August 22. All five fire extinguishers are up to date - the only one that needed replacing was the one in the kitchen.



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Our Summer Reading BINGO Challenge finished at the end of August. We had 21 kids between the ages of 4 and 10 participate. I'm pleased with this success and hope to add to our summer reading program for kids next year, and introduce a summer reading program for adults as well.

The library is applying for a NYS Library Construction Grant, which is due September 6th. Nearly all required materials have been collected and will be submitted to the state for an on-time application. We applied for \$5,000 for a path to be poured and paved between the east and west parking areas. This will be a wheelchair accessible walk way that will ensure patrons of all abilities to navigate the parking area and front of the library safely and with ease. While I was in the process of gathering materials for the grant, I realized that the library's UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) had expired. I've started the process of re-activating our UEI, and hope to have the process completed by the end of September. The UEI is what the federal government uses to pay out grant funds to state entities, so having ours updated is crucial.

Our first annual Quack-a-Palooza was completed on August 16, and was a great success! We took in \$1,177 from the event and made a profit of \$917. Tickets were sold during Music on the Point events in July and August, and culminated with the duck race from the Route 30 bridge on August 16. Around 25 people were present to cheer their ducks on. Pam Pooler refereed the race from the water, and Kathy O'Connell and Toni Morrison helped set up and clean up. Thank you to the Board members who made this fundraiser possible, and to the community for their support!

With Board approval, I purchased 4 endcap displays from Demco for our library shelves in order to be able to more effectively display and show off our books. While not useless or unsafe, 3 of the 4 products arrived cracked, so I contacted Demco customer service, and they sent 3 replacement endcaps. We now have a total of 8 endcaps which are being used in the fiction and nonfiction section of the library.

In November NYLA (New York Library Association) will be holding their yearly conference, and I hope to be able to attend and bring back ideas, new practices, and knowledge to be put to use in our library to best serve our patrons.

Thank you for your continued support!  
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