



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report November 2023

The Collection Committee met on November 7, 2023. 31 items were ordered for November. The majority of the order arrived on November 16. We're still receiving a few books from the order, and working on getting them processed and into circulation. The Collection meeting for December is paused until the Board has their meeting on December 5.

There was no Friends of the Library meeting in November. I did call Sandy LaVarnway to tell her I would put some lights around the entrance to the Friends room for the Holiday Stroll, and invited her to come to the library during the Stroll in an effort to recruit more members for the Friends. Unfortunately, no one from the Friends was able to attend the Stroll, but the room was open and had a fair amount of visitors and donations.

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Programs

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

- Dance classes (November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 27, 29)
- Town Board Meeting (November 6)
- Library Collection Committee Meeting (November 7)
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting (November 7)
- PreK Story Time (November 7, 14, 21, 28)
- Chess & LEGO Club (November 7, 14, 28)
- Cornell Cooperative Extension (November 20)
- Town Board Meeting (November 6)
- Holiday Stroll (November 24)
 - Letters to Santa Kid's Event @ Holiday Stroll (November 24)
- Book Club (November 29)

Programs

In December, we have the following events coming up:

- Town Board Meeting (December 4)
- PreK Story Time (December 5, 12)
- Library BOT Meeting (December 5)
- Library Collection Meeting (December 5)
- LEGO & Chess Club (December 5, 12)
- The Story of Scrooge @ LPCS (December 10)
- Dance classes (December 11, 13)
- DRAG (December 16)
- Town Board Meeting (December 18)
- Library BOT Training (December 19)
- Light up The Library (December 20)
- Beth's Brush (December 21)



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Other Updates

During November the library was able to continue ongoing projects, develop some new projects, and prepare for the holiday season. The month started on a high note as I was able to attend the NYLA (New York Library Association) Conference in Saratoga. There were many sessions and workshops to choose from each day, and it was refreshing and inspiring to meet colleagues from SALS and other rural libraries. I attended sessions on:

- Teen subscription services for libraries
- Designing community centered libraries
- Using social media & TikTok
- Where the wild teens are
- Fundraising refresh / refreshing your Friends of the Library group
- Library programming beyond the building

I came away with many ideas I think would be great to implement at our library, and look forward to building upon them in 2024.

Our PreK Story Time continued during the month; we welcomed some new readers, and had some repeat visitors read as well. The late morning time slot we've been scheduling story time seems to be working well, and we have a handful of homeschool families who have become regulars. Our LEGO and Chess Club has had a slower start; there have only been 2-3 students attending the club since it began. Since winter and spring sports will claim many students in January and February, we will likely pause this club and return to it in March.

On November 16, Library BOT members got together to decorate and prep materials for the Letters to Santa event we held at the library during the Holiday Stroll on November 24. Thanks to everyone who donated materials, and their time! We created a fun mailbox for kids to drop their letters to Santa into, and had a good amount of kids (and adults) participate in the activity during the Holiday Stroll. Thanks Toni Morrison for responding to the kids' letters!

We had approximately 330-350 people visit the library during the Holiday Stroll, and our gift card raffle ticket sales did particularly well during the Stroll. We had a total of 13 businesses and local organizations set up tables in the library during the Holiday Stroll, plus the Friends of the Library room was open for folks to shop for books and donate.



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We set up our Toys for Tots donation bin in the library entrance early in December and continue to receive donations. The bin will go to Sunrise Diner for an event they're doing on December 23, and we hope to get even more donations then.

During our BOT meeting in November, I brought the idea of a fundraiser called Light up the Library to the Board, and with everyone's collective help, we were able to jump into action and put together this event and fundraiser to happen before the end of the year. The idea behind Light up the Library is to encourage community members to donate to the library, in an amount of their choice, and their donation will go both towards lights that will stay on at the library through the winter months, to be a bright and cheery community gathering spot, and also to support library programs, activities, collections, and projects during 2024.

Mailers have been created and will be distributed to all local PO Box holders during the last week of November. I'm excited about this new event and hopeful that it will be a success for the library, and a fun event for our community to come together for.

Over the summer I applied to participate in a training from Playful City Lab on interactive games that libraries and their city/town can create to encourage community, and visitor engagement. During November I completed some trainings and am working with game trainers to brainstorm game ideas that will educate, and inform people about the highlights and landmarks of Speculator/Lake Pleasant. The training should be complete before the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued support!
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