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Monthly Report February 2024

The Collection Committee met on February 6th to review purchases for the month. 27 items were ordered, and the majority of the collection has been received, and processed. The Collection Committee will meet again on March 5th.

In mid February, I submitted a request to the Friends of the Library for \$1,250.00 for spring and summer programs. We were awarded the full amount, and I received a check from the Friends on February 21st. The funds will go towards the 3D printing program we'll be holding in July, as well as for a children's book author visit and craft session in March, and partial coverage of one other spring or summer program (price and program TBD). I've written and sent a thank you note to the Friends Group to express our gratitude for their support.

There's a Friends of the Library meeting scheduled for March 27, at 1:30pm, to be held at the library.

Director's Report

During the month of February:

- We had total of 315 patrons visit the library, and 32 patrons use the computers.
- 44 items were added to our collection, the majority being new, popular fiction, and children's books.
- 566 items were circulated:
 - 26 videos
 - 27 new/popular books
 - 106 econtent
 - 131 children's books
 - 187 books
- We received 119 items to fill holds
- 272 items were transferred to fill holds
- One new patron registered for a library card
- There were 139 PAC logins
- There were 232 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 25 people per. day

Programs

In February, we held the following events:

- Take Your Child to the Library Day (Feb 3)
- Dance Classes (Feb 5, 7, 12, 14, 26, 28)
- Town Board Meeting (Feb 5)
- Library Collection Committee Meeting (Feb 6)



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- Valentine's Day Story Time & Craft (Feb 9)
- PreK Story Time (Feb 6, 13, 20, and 27)
- Blind Date with a Book (Feb 14)
- DRAG Meeting (Feb 17)
- Town Board Meeting (Feb 20)
- Game Gala (Feb 21)
- SCR Grant Writing Information Workshop (Feb 24)
- Build a Book Character Snowman (Feb 28)
- Book Club (Feb 28)

In March, we have the following events coming up:

- Town Board Meeting (Mar 4)
- Eclipse Program (Mar 5)
- PreK Story Time (Mar 5, 12, 19, 26)
- Dance Classes (Mar 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27)
- Children's Story & Craft Time with local author Rachel Vogel (March 7)
- Chris Shaw/Irish Stick Fighting Program (Mar 14)
- DRAG Meeting (Mar 16)
- Town Board Meeting (Mar 18)
- Friends of the Library Meeting (Mar 27)

Other Updates

February was National Library Lovers' Month, and we offered several activities to celebrate, and encourage visitors into our library. We kicked things off with our Take Your Child to the Library Day, which brought in 6 kids, and 4 adults. We had a story time with Adi the Yeti, as well as a scavenger hunt for families. The scavenger hunt was both fun, and a good opportunity to make parents aware of items we have in the library they didn't know about, like music, and children's audio books.

February events continued with a Valentine's themed story time and craft, then the Blind Date with a Book event, which was very well received and attended. Roxy, Tanisha, Wyatt, and I wrapped between 20-35 adult books of various genres, and every single book was claimed by the end of the day. We had about 8-10 kids books left from the event. There was so much positive feedback on this event, I think it would be great to do another during summer.

The last events of February were the Game Gala, and Make a Book Character Snowman. Unfortunately, these were not as well attended, but I do think getting a monthly game night going at the library would be a fun offering, and could be successful in the future if we can spread the word about it more.



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Our Annual Report to SALS and NYS was submitted on February 13, ahead of its February 16 due date. Pamela DelSignore at SALS was a huge help as I worked on the report for the first time. Thanks also to Nancy Seifts for her help with the financial section of the report. I've created some new documents for myself, and library staff to use to track the data the Annual Reports wants us to collect, in the hopes that this will help us keep the information more organized, and it will be easier to access and understand come time for the Annual Report next year.

Materials have been ordered for the Teen Book Box subscription, and I've been in touch with 3 teens who have agreed to be the first round of testers for this program. I plan to have the boxes ready by March 1 for the teens to pick up. They'll be due back at the end of March, at which time I'll have them fill out a survey, or talk to them about their experience with the box, and see what areas can be changed, or improved upon for the next round.

There is a request for public funding our library can submit ("Community Project Funding") to our Members of Congress, to apply for capital projects, such as building renovation or construction; others included pilot programs or one-time activities related to technology, children and youth, and history. This may be a good opportunity for our library to submit an application for the lean-to we've been wanting to build in the children's library. I'd like the Board's feedback on this, and opinion on if we should apply.

Towards the end of February, I submitted the required report for the SCR grant we received in 2023. This report is necessary to let Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts know how the funds they awarded us were used, and to highlight things like the number of individuals our programs drew. I have also submitted an application for the same grant again this year, for programs and events in our summer line up; I titled the project 'Summer Enrichment Series'. I requested \$1,050.00 to cover the cost of three of our summer programs:

1. The Utica Zoomobile
2. The Quest for the Kakapo Summer Reading Performance*
3. Local Author Talk by Aurora Pfaff on 'Aviation in the Adirondacks'

Additional summer program planning is in the works, and currently, we have the following programs scheduled:

- June 20, 7:00pm: Southern Adk Audubon Program
- July 12, Time TBA: The Quest for the Kakapo Kids Summer Reading Program with the Traveling Lantern*



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- July 13, 11:00am: Kid's 3D Printing Program
- July 24, 7:00pm: Southern Adk Audubon Program on Turtles
- Aug 3, 11:00am: Utica Zoomobile
- Aug 7, 7:00pm: Schoharie Crossing Program on Sacandaga Canal
- Aug 23, 7:00pm: Local Author Talk with Aurora Pfaff on Aviation in the Adirondacks

I've been in touch with Sally Cross, from the Historical Society, and she'd like to partner with us again for two programs (the Schoharie Crossing program, and Aviation in the Adirondacks talk), and will ask the Society to split the cost of these programs with us again.

In addition to the above, I have the following, in-house, activities tentatively on the calendar for the summer:

- July 8 - Blind Date with a Book
- July 17, 26, 30 - Family Reading Fort Night(s)
- July 21-28 - Shark Week
- July 31 - Harry Potter's Birthday
- Aug 9 - National Book Lovers' Day
- Aug 12, 21 - Family Reading Fort Night(s)
- Aug 20 - Blind Date with a Book

Projects that are currently ongoing are the Notary Public Training I'm enrolled in, putting practices and strategies from the Library Space Planning e-book I purchased into place, and the March Report to the Town Board and Community. The library added one new volunteer to our ranks in February; we now have two, consistent volunteers, who I hope will continue to work with us during the busy summer months. I've created a Winter Classics Reading BINGO Challenge for adult readers to participate in during the month of March. Participants who complete the challenge will be entered to win a complete collection of the Bridgerton book series, which were donated by Toni Morrison. I was able to visit with Susan Rollings from Indian Lake Library on February 28; we had a good chat and swapped ideas about programming, summer activities, collections, and more. The last of the Light up the Library decorations and lights were taken down at the end of February.

Thank you for your continued support,

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