



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report March 2024

The Collection Committee met on March 5th to review purchases for the month. 30 items were ordered, and the majority of the collection has been received, and processed. The Collection Committee will meet again on April 2nd.

I attended a Friends of the Library meeting on March 28th. During the meeting, Board members brought each other up to date on filing for taxes for the previous few years, how membership enrollment is going, and plans for their summer, including the yearly Tricky Tray the Friends put on. Their next meeting date is TBA.

Director's Report

During the month of March:

- We had total of 342 patrons visit the library.
 - 283 adult patrons
 - 27 children patrons
 - 16 teen patrons
 - 16 computers used
- 596 items were circulated:
 - 165 children's books
 - 130 adult fiction
 - 41 adult nonfiction
 - 139 econtent
- 65 holds were placed on the PAC, 29 hold were placed by staff, for a total of 94 total holds placed. The most popular genre for holds was adult fiction (32).
- We transferred a combined total of 286 items to fill holds, between SALS and MVLS libraries.
- We registered 5 new patrons
- There were 306 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 29 people per day

Programs

In March, we held the following events:

- 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)



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- Chris Shaw/Irish Stick Fighting Program (Mar 14)
- DRAG Meeting (Mar 16)
- Town Board Meeting (Mar 18)
- Friends of the Library Meeting (Mar 28)

In April, we have the following events coming up:

- Town Board Meeting (April 1)
- PreK Story Time (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
- Dance Classes (April 8, 19, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29)
- Blind Date with a Book (April 22) for World Book Day
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Meeting (April 23)
- Crochet for Wellness Workshop (April 27 or April 13 - TBD)

Other Updates

March brought us a busy few weeks of programs at the library! In addition to our usual weekly story times, we had a local guest author, Rachel Vogel, join us on March 7, to read her book, *Raccoons Go Rafting*. She also brought a craft to do with the kids who joined us. We had 11 children, from both LPCS, and our homeschool community join us. We also hosted a program on the upcoming eclipse on March 5th, which was very well attended. We have eclipse glasses here at the library that are available by donation. We will also have a select amount of glasses available at the Perks of Speculator, also available by donation. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we hosted an Irish Stick Fighting program on March 14. Christopher Shaw, John Borter and Trish Chiovari gave wonderful demonstrations, and offered a history lesson on Irish Stick Fighting.

On March 18, I attended the Town Board meeting, and spoke about the library's progress, programs, and attendance in 2023. I gave each Board member a copy of the Impact Report and Letter to the Community that I created. These brochures are available at the front desk of the library for the public. The report was well received by the Board. On March 21, Pamela DelSignore let me know that our Annual Report was approved by the DLD. Should they have any further questions, they'll be in touch.

I attended a special SALS Director's Council meeting on March 20 to discuss the news that Schenectady County Library will be withdrawing from JA. Their decision to do this will affect all the SALS libraries differently, but there are concerns about JA fees to the remaining libraries, as well as patron privacy, and how the ILLS (Inter-library loan system) will work. SALS has put together a transition team to address all these questions, and make the transition happen smoothly. SALS did assure all Directors that their library's fees would not change for the next year and a half. I've attached the statement that SALS has released on this subject here. They would like all questions about the matter to be directed to JAwithdrawal@sals.edu.



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There was some confusion with both SALS and Polar Engraving (who does the bricks in the front of the library), about checks that weren't received from January. After doing some investigation, I found that the two vouchers that were submitted for these checks were somehow lost. I worked with Josh Troxel to confirm this. New vouchers have been signed, and submitted. SALS has already received theirs, and Polar Engraving should receive their within the next few weeks.

Summer programming, and summer reading programs are continuing to be confirmed, and organized. So far, we have 4 programs scheduled in July, and 3 programs scheduled in August. Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts is touring 'Hamlet' this summer, and asked to come on July 31st. I've responded and asked if they have any other offerings that are more kid, or family friendly, since the consensus last year was that a family program would have been a good addition to the summer program lineup.

I've been planning our Summer Reading Programs with Collaborative Summer Library Program resources, and am excited to expand our summer reading options for locals, and visitors. The theme for this year is, 'Adventure Begins at your Library', so the programming and activities we plan will align with that theme. I've started to add books that fit with this theme, and are recommended by the CSLP into our collection list. I would also like to begin to purchase materials to advertise our summer reading programs, such as signs, and banners. I also think having items to sell over the summer that promote the summer reading theme, such as pins, bags, and coffee tumblers would be a good idea.

I've been in touch with Heather Philo from LPCS to see if it would be possible to have the summer school students bussed to the library once a week, while summer school is in session, to complete summer reading programs. I've also been talking with library parents who have both young children, and tween/teen children, to see what days, and times, would be best to schedule programs and activities. I'd also like to put a one page ad in the upcoming drama program that the LPCS Drama Club is putting on. This ad is \$50, and would be a great way to let parents know about all the summer activities we have planned for this summer.

Thank you for your continued support,

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