



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report June 2024

The Collection Committee met on June 4 to review purchases for the month. 44 items were ordered, and all the items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has been communicating via email, and will not meet in July, but has approved the collection list for July.

The Friends of the Library held their second Book Sale of the season on June 21 and 22. The next Friends of the Library meeting will be on August 22 at 4pm.

Director's Report

During the month of May:

- We had total of 614 patrons visit the library.
 - 494 adult patrons
 - 75 children patrons
 - 26 teen patrons
 - Computers used by 19 patrons
- 880 items were checked out
 - 261 children's books
 - 286 adult books
 - 47 new/popular books
 - 154 adult and children's videos
 - 99 econtent
 - Adult fiction, adult video, children's fiction, and econtent were the collections circulated most during the month - books in the Adirondack collection rose this month to be circulate 27 times
- There were 134 PAC logins, with 112 holds placed
- We registered 19 new patrons
- 119 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 196 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 128 holds were placed, and filled
- There were 438 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 36 people per day

Programs

In June, we had the following events:

- Town of Lake Pleasant Board Meeting (June 3, 17)
- Musical Bingo for Seniors (June 5)
- Cr'After School (June 7)
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Program (June 10)
- Cr'After School (June 14)
- LPSA Meeting (June 17)
- Speculator Lake Pleasant Historical Society Meeting (June 18)
- Southern Adirondack Audubon Loon Program (June 20)
- FOTL Book Sale (June 21 and 22)
- Shadow Puppetry Workshop (June 28)
- Energy Savings Program (June 26)



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In July, we have the following events planned:

- Town of Lake Pleasant Board Meeting (July 1, 15)
- Author Talk with Chris Mele (July 2)
- Library BOT meeting (July 2)
- Story Time at Farmers Market (July 4)
- Family Reading Fort Night (July 8)
- Summer Reading Program (July 9, 10, 11)
- WIC (July 10)
- The Quest for the Kakapo Performance (July 12)
- 3D Printing Program for Kids (July 13)
- Boating Course *tentative (July 15)
- Summer Reading Program (July 16, 17, 18)
- Family Reading Fort Night (July 17)
- Marion Wilbur Memorial (July 19)
- Summer Reading Program (July 23, 24, 25)
- Southern Adirondack Audubon Society Turtle Program (July 24)
- Blind Date with a Book (July 26)
- Kid's Story Time with Ally the Dog (July 27)
- Kid's Theater Performance: The Wizard of Oz (July 28)
- Harry Potter Birthday Bash (July 31)

Other Updates

June started to ramp up as we prepare for the busy summer months ahead. I started off the month by visiting Indian Lake Library, along with a few other rural SALS libraries, for a get together, and alcohol ink program presentation. The alcohol ink program was fun and creative, and I hope to bring a similar program to our patrons this fall.

I've been able to recruit additional volunteers to help us during the summer. Joining, or re-joining us as volunteers during July and August are: Gary Rhinehart, Chrissy Michienzi, Lily Maurer, and Richard Marks. Caitlin Caswell will continue to volunteer, and help with our Teen Summer Reading Program each week on Wednesdays, July 8 - Aug 16. We've all been preparing for a busy July, and our first Summer Reading Program. Tanisha and Roxy have been a great help in spreading the word about our weekly activities for SRP participants by chatting with patrons, and we've had several people ask about our summer reading BINGO challenge, as well as what programs and events we have planned.

I visited both WCS and LPCS in June to distribute information about our summer reading options. I did a presentation for all classes at LPCS on June 17, and am hopeful the students will participate. I also dropped off permission slips for LPCS summer school students to be able to be dropped off by the school bus at the library, where parents will pick them up after their activity is complete. All of our summer programs and events are listed on our Facebook page, and will be updated on our website. I have also emailed each month's events to the Hamilton County Express for them to publish.



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I created a Wishlist on Amazon with items needed (both books, and materials) for our SRP, and many local folks have donated, which is wonderful to see. I've sent each person who donated a hand written thank you note, expressing our gratitude for their support.

Also in June, I did a trial run of a few programs that I'd like to hold on a consistent basis in the fall: Cr'After School, and Musical Bingo for Seniors. All programs were well attended, and had positive feedback. There was some feedback on the Musical Bingo that some patrons wanted to be able to name the title, or the creator of the song. I'll keep that in mind for if we repeat the program come fall.

Vogel Construction completed our Wheelchair Accessible Walkway, and we received an invoice for \$5,754.00, which is consistent with the quoted amount we got last fall when we asked Vogel for an estimate. The DLD (Division of Library Development - part of NYS) contribution was \$4,315. This means that our contribution to the project is \$1,439.)

I worked with Kathy to create a letter to AI, expressing our thanks for the subcontracted work, but also highlighting our disappointment that the curved path in front of our seated landscaped area didn't follow what we had instructed. I left this letter for AI at Vogel's on June 24. AI came to see me at the library on June 25, and explained that they're already in the red on this project, since we added the curve in the sidewalk, and the original plan (with Sherry) had been a straight walkway. Vogel waived the additional cost they incurred as a gesture of goodwill towards the library, and a Town building, but they're not able to seed, and mulch, as we requested in our letter.

Summer program presenter Chris Mele has asked in place of paying him, we make a donation to The Mike Levine Journalism Education Fund. Presenter Marty Podskoch has asked for an honorarium for his presentation in August. I'd like guidance from the Board on how to process these requests, and in what amount they should be fulfilled.

I'm happy to report that on June 18, Fred Balzac from ALCA, let me know that our grant proposal was successful, and we've been awarded the full amount we requested for our summer programming: \$1,050. I've already let Fred know that we're gratefully accepting the grant.

Sara Dallas passed along information about a conference taking place this fall that's hosted by the Association for Rural & Small Libraries. I've signed our library up to be a member, and have registered for the virtual option of the conference, which will take place in September.

Thank you for your continued support,

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