



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report September 2024

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 22 items were ordered, and all the items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for October, and it will be approved via email.

The Friends of the Library held their final Book Sale of the summer season on September 13 and 14. There is a Friends meeting scheduled for October 10th at 1:30 at the library.

Director's Report

During the month of September:

- We had total of 522 patrons visit the library.
 - 434 adult patrons
 - 32 children patrons
 - 13 teen patrons
 - Computers used by 43 patrons
- 748 items were checked out
 - 117 children's books
 - 248 adult books
 - 36 new/popular books
 - 123 adult and children's videos
 - 118 econtent
- There were 122 PAC logins, with 93 holds placed
- We registered 9 new patrons
- 105 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 262 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 148 holds were placed
- There were 338 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 32 people per day

In September, we had the following events:

- Library BOT Meeting (Sept 3)
- Town Board Meeting (Sept 3)
- Story Time with Ally the Dog (Sept 7)
- CCE Board Meeting (Sept 10)
- WIC (Sept 11)
- Beth's Brush (Sept 12)
- FOTL Book Sale (Sept 13, 14)
- Musical Bingo for Seniors (Sept 16)
- Town Board Meeting (Sept 16)
- Historical Society Meeting (Sept 17)
- Ice Cream Social w/ Mtn Valley Hospice (Sept 23)
- Book Club (Sept 26)



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September was Library Card Sign up Month, and we held a raffle all month long, where patrons could submit their name every time they visited the library during the month. A winner was chosen at random, and the prize is a gift book basket. We also encouraged kids to come in, and show their library cards during the month; each time they did, they were invited to choose a prize from our treasure box.

In October, we have the following events planned:

- Weekly Story Time (Oct 1)
- Library BOT Meeting (Oct 1)
- Cozy Coat / Snowflake Social w/ HamCo Public Health (Oct 3)
- Floral Ghost Tea Light Craft Program (Oct 5)
- Dance Classes (Oct 7)
- Town Board Meeting (Oct 7)
- Weekly Story Time (Oct 8)
- Dance Classes (Oct 9)
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover (Oct 9)
- Tech Thursdays: Tips for Being News Savvy Online Program (Oct 10)
- Dance Classes (Oct 14)
- Weekly Story Time (Oct 15)
- Dance Classes (Oct 16)
- Tech Thursdays: Smartphones at a Glance Program (Oct 17)
- Magic of Halloween @ LPCS (Oct 18)
- Savvy Holiday Shopping Program (Oct 18)
- Dance Classes (Oct 21)
- Town Board Meeting (Oct 21)
- Weekly Story Time (Oct 22)
- Dance Classes (Oct 23)
- Save Energy, Save Money Program (Oct 24)
- Musical Bingo for Seniors (Oct 24)
- Book Club (Oct 24)
- Dance Classes (Oct 28)
- Weekly Story Time (Oct 29)
- Dance Classes (Oct 30)
- Trunk or Treat (Oct 31)

Other Updates

September was a slower month for the library, but also a month of preparing, and gearing up for the fall. I successfully completed the Train the Trainer program from OATS (Older Adult Technology Services), and am now able to teach the classes, workshops, and courses that OATS offers. We'll begin to offer classes in October, mostly focused on technology skills for older adults.



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I also successfully passed the NYS Notary Exam. I submitted my Oath of Office, and the \$60 registration fee. I'm currently waiting for my commission from NYS, but will soon be able to be actively practicing. I virtually attended the ASRL (Association for Small & Rural Libraries) conference Sept 9-14; there were lots of great recorded presentations, and I'll keep working my way through them as I have time, before the videos expire in December. The next upcoming conference I'll be attending is NYLA, Sept 7-8, in Syracuse.

Our YA/Teen Book Box subscription has seen a good boost in participants in September, with more young adults wanting to join the program in October. I continue to work with Dana Ordway at LPCS to use the Book Boxes for school book reports. We were able to work with LPCS to schedule a "Magic of Halloween" program for October 18th, at the school. This is the program the FOTL gave us the financial award for, and the Friends indicated they'd like the program to happen at the school if possible, in order to reach more local kids. This event will also be open to the public, and I hope to encourage some of our local homeschooling families to attend.

On September 4th, Edward Scharpou from the Village of Speculator came and changed the water meter in the basement. Kathy O'Connell is working with Randy and the Town to install outdoor light hangers, to make our outdoor decorating easier come the winter months, and our Light up the Library event. I would like to propose we hold Light up the Library on either December 12, or 19 this year. I'd like to ask the Board to confirm a date during our October meeting.

On September 12th, I attended a meeting at the Village Hall to brainstorm among a few Village/Town leaders about ways to celebrate Speculator's upcoming Centennial in 2025. Several ideas were discussed, and I reassured the Mayor that our library would be happy to include programming that celebrates, and aligns with the Centennial.

During September, I submitted two final reports for ALCA grants; one was for this year, and the other was from 2022. Somehow the final report for the 2022 grant we were awarded wasn't filed. With some help from the board, and digging through old files, I was able to find the information needed, and successfully completed the report.

Looking ahead, we have our Trunk or Treat on October 31 to plan, and I want to remind the Board that SALS is loaning us the Memory Project exhibit for the month of November. The standing, informational displays should be delivered to us around the beginning of November. Leading up to this event, I plan on reaching out to several local leaders, LPCS, and organizations, to invite them to come view the exhibit at the library. I would also like to make this a feature for The Holiday Stroll, and encourage people who visit us that day to view the exhibit. Currently, I don't have any details from the Chamber about the Holiday Stroll. Once I receive further information, I'll pass it along to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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