



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report November 2024

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 37 items were ordered, and all the items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for December, and it will be approved via email.

On November 20th I submitted a financial request form to Sandy LaVarnway for \$150 for the refreshments, and supplies we'll need for all of our upcoming December programs at the library. The Friends granted this request, and have already given us a check for the full amount.

The Friends plan to have a few members at the library during the Holiday Stroll on November 29 to represent the organization.

Director's Report

During the month of November:

- We had total of 355 patrons visit the library.
 - 238 adult patrons
 - 93 children patrons
 - 11 teen patrons
 - 17 Computers were used
- 508 items were checked out
 - Adult fiction books were circulated 93 times
 - Adult video circulated 66 times
 - Children's fiction circulated 45 times
 - eContent circulated 136 times
 - Graphic novels circulated 26 times
 - YA fiction circulated 27 times
- We registered 6 new patrons
- 95 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 198 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 79 holds were placed
- There were 288 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 33 people per day

In November, we had the following events:

- The Memory Project exhibit will be on display all month
- Deadly, Dangerous & Weird: an exploration of Adk flora program (Nov 1)
- Dia de los Muertos kids craft (Nov 1)
- Town of Lake Pleasant Board meeting (Nov 4)
- Dance classes (Nov 4, Nov 6)
- Story time (Nov 5)
- Dance classes (Nov 11, 13)
- Story time (Nov 12)



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- The Best Land: Adk Author Program (Nov 12)
- Tech Thursday for Seniors: Getting to know your smart phone part 1 (Nov 14)
- Cr'After School (Nov 15)
- Dance classes (Nov 18, 20)
- Town of Lake Pleasant Board meeting (Nov 18)
- Story time (Nov 19)
- Gratitude Yoga (Nov 19)
- Tech Thursday for Seniors: Getting to know your smart phone part 2 (Nov 21)
- Alcohol Ink Craft Program (Nov 23)
- Dance classes (Nov 25)
- Story time (Nov 26)
- Holiday Stroll (Nov 29)

Both our Nailed It/Failed it program, and the Alcohol Ink program were very well attended. We had 19 kids at the Nailed It/Failed it program, and 13 kids, and adults at the alcohol ink program. I plan to repeat both these programs in the future.

Our OATS Senior Tech. Thursday classes continue to build momentum and traction. So far, our largest attendance for one of these programs has been 7, and we've received positive feedback about these classes.

During the Holiday Stroll, we saw between 300-400 people in the library. We had seven vendors/organizations set up in the library, we offered letters to Santa for kids to fill out and put in our mailbox, and we had Santa himself here at the library from 4:30-5:30 handing out books and talking with kids. We took in over \$500 in raffle tickets in the hours before the winner was announced, at 5pm. The winner was Brain Smith, from North Carolina. Karen McComb contacted him, and he will collect the raffle cards at some time in December.

In December, we have the following events planned:

- ~~December 2: Dance / stretch classes~~
- December 3: Weekly Story Time, 11:30am for PreK and up
- ~~December 4: Dance classes~~
- ~~December 5: Thursday Tech for Seniors, 11am Intro to Smartphone Photography~~
- ~~December 6: Holiday Decor Swap, 1:00-6:00pm~~
- December 7: Blind Date with a Book, 10:00am-2:00pm
- December 9: Dance / stretch classes
- December 10: Weekly Story Time, 11:30am for PreK and up
- December 10: Holiday Family Musical BINGO & Ugly Sweater Party, 5:00p
- December 11: Dance classes
- December 12: Thursday Tech for Seniors, 11am Mindfulness Apps
- December 12: Light up the Library, 4:00-6:00pm. Wreath Making program with Cornell
- December 13: Cr'After School. 2:30pm. Gingerbread House Bags
- December 14: Nailed It/Failed It Holiday Cupcake Decorating, 11am
- December 17: Weekly Story Time, 11:30am for PreK and up
- December 18: Simmer Bag Craft Program, 5:30pm
- December 20: A Christmas Carol Read Along, 5:00pm
- December 21: Holiday HARK (HamCo Animals Reading with Kids) Program), 11:00a-1:00pm



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Other Updates

November began with my trip to the NYLA conference in Syracuse. It was a wonderful conference, with many interesting speakers, exhibits, and presentations. Some of the programs I attended included, "Transforming libraries to meet users' changing needs", "Creating an effective report to the community", "Unintentional barriers to library service", "Tween swag bags", and more. I picked up lots of materials from the trade show portion of the conference, and am going through them bit by bit to see if there's any new services, products, etc. that would be beneficial for us.

I've been doing research to apply for the ALA Library Transforming Communities grant. This grant focuses on giving money to libraries to help them make the library more accessible for community populations with disabilities. For this grant, I got a quote from a automatic door installation company out of Syracuse; we're thinking that having automatic doors will help a population of our community with physical disabilities, and make it easier for them to get into the library. The grant is due by December 11.

We received the grant money we applied for last year from NYS for our wheelchair accessible walkway, which was completed this summer by Vogel Construction. The grant paid for 75% of the cost. The check we received was for \$3,883.00.

Staff evaluations were completed at the beginning of November. Both library employees were given positive reviews, and all of us look forward to continuing to work together, and improving library services for our community.

The Memory Project exhibit, which was on loan from SALS, was at the library during the entire month of November. While patrons seemed glad it was here at the library, I am disappointed that we didn't have more turnout from the community to see this free, and important exhibit on the Holocaust. The exhibit materials were packed up at the end of November, and sent back to SALS December 2.

SALS has been working to make sure all its member libraries are prepared and organized for Schenectady County Public Library leaving the system come December. Our library needs to decide if we want to continue lending materials to SCPL card holders, and if so, what limits (if any), will be applied.

Sara Dalls, of SALS, and I, will be meeting with Hamilton County Supervisors on December 19 to discuss future funding for our library. I've been gathering data, as well as stories and testimonials from our patrons and community about the impact of our library, and plan on sharing these at that meeting.

The Town Highway assisted us in getting hangers on the exterior library building so we can hang holiday lights this year. Kathy O'Connell and I continue to work on organizing the upstairs storage area, hang the donation from the Fanning family, and hang the Lake Sacandaga clock we received as a gift earlier this year. Beth Knapp's fiber arts display will continue through the month of December



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Two other projects I'm currently working on are Talking Book/Braille Library, and researching Ingram's ordering services. I ordered a demo player, and cassette from the NYS Talking Book Library, and displayed it during the Holiday Stroll. If there's enough interest, and demand, this could be a great service to offer our patrons who can no longer read, or who have vision, or physical disabilities. This service is free; individuals can get materials through us, and also create their own accounts so they can request a player, and materials to use at their own homes. Ingram has a collection ordering service that may be comparable, or better than us using Amazon for our collection; I'm still researching and comparing information, but will let the Board know my findings, and recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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