



Lake Pleasant Public Library  
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## Monthly Report December 2024

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 40 items were ordered, and all the items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee h

The Friends of the Library granted our request for \$150 for holiday program supplies and materials; I've written them a thank you note for this award, and to thank them for their supporting throughout 2024. The next Friends of the Library meeting is scheduled for Jan 23 at 1:30pm.

### Director's Report

During the month of December:

- We had total of 330 patrons visit the library.
  - 239 adult patrons
  - 37 children patrons
  - 14 teen patrons
  - 13 Computers were used
- 452 items were checked out
  - Adult fiction books were circulated 128 times
  - Adult video circulated 32 times
  - Children's fiction circulated 81 times
  - eContent circulated 109 times
- We registered 3 new patrons
- 57 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 230 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 79 holds were placed
- There were 237 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 28 people per day

In December, we had the following library hosted events, programs, and meetings:

- December 3: Weekly Story Time, 11:30am for PreK and up
- December 3: Lake Pleasant Public Library BOT meeting
- ~~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 10: Weekly Story Time, 11:30am for PreK and up
- December 12: Thursday Tech for Seniors, 11am Mindfulness Apps
- December 12: Light up the Library, 4:00-6:00pm. Wreath Making program with Cornell, Holiday Family Musical BINGO & Ugly Sweater Party, 5:00p
- 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 17: Cancer Services Meet and Greet
- 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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In December, the following non library hosted meetings and activities were hosted:

December 2: Dance / stretch classes

- December 2: Town of LP Board Meeting
- December 3: CCE Meeting
- December 9: Dance / stretch classes
- December 10: Lions Club Meeting
- December 14: DRAG Meeting
- December 16: 4 Rivers Meeting
- December 16: Town of LP Board Meeting

### **Other Updates**

At the Board meeting on Dec 3, we decided to postpone applying for the ALA Library Transforming Communities grant. We'll continue to do research, and gather information on the cost of installing automatic doors, and having a new outdoor sign installed, but it was felt that we needed more time to look into the details of each of these projects before submitting a grant application. The SALS 2025 Construction Challenge Grant is open, and could be another avenue for either automatic doors, or a new outdoor sign. The grant is for \$5,000, and is due March 31, 2025.

I want to thank all the Board for their help decorating the library, as well as the Board members who lent helping hands to cover programs at the beginning of December that I wasn't able to; it was much appreciated!

Our holiday programs and events were somewhat hit, and miss this month. We had good turnout at a few events, but not at others. The Christmas Carol Read Aloud I planned was cancelled due to lack of sign ups. I tried the Nailed It/Failed It cupcake decorating program as a 'pop up' program for the week between Christmas and New Years, and it had great attendance.

On December 19, Sara Dalls, from SALS, and I met with Hamilton County Supervisors to present information about Hamilton County libraries, and their impact, and importance in the community. I've given each Board Member a copy of the data that I presented at this meeting. I created both print, and online feedback surveys for our patrons to fill out, and we received some great feedback and stories, which I have also shared with Board members.

On December 18, Randy LaVarnway came through the library with a smoke detector, and fire alarm inspector. I didn't hear any follow up, so assume everything went smoothly, and is fine.

In January, the library will be offering a Book Blizzard Reading Challenge. As January is a slow month for us, I'm hopeful this challenge (similar to our summer book bingo) will get people into the library, and reading. The challenge will be ongoing through January. Coming up in February, we have National Library Lovers' Month. Any ideas, or suggestions from board members on ways to celebrate are welcome.



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A new project I'd like to offer early in 2025, when people are likely trying new things due to New Years resolutions, are Try It Kits. I've seen other libraries do this; it's a bit like a Library of Things, where we would put together a small kit, for example, a crochet kit, and the kit as a whole could be checked out. This gives patrons the opportunity to try something new, and use some of our materials. This might also be a good way to rescue some materials that might otherwise be weeded. (For example, a craft book on crochet, or an audiobook that's a cozy mystery/crochet murder.) I'd like the board's thoughts on this, and if this project would be supported by the collection budget, or the programs, or activities budget. When we made the collection budget late in 2024, this was not considered.

Respectfully Submitted,

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