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## Monthly Report January 2025

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 24 items were ordered, and all the items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for February, and it will be approved via email.

The Friends of the Library met on Jan 23. I was present, along with library board member, Pam Pooler. The Friends confirmed their commitment to designate \$6,000 to the library to spend as we like. This will not be awarded as a lump sum, but as needed, so I will continue to fill out financial requests every time we're looking to have a program/activity, etc. supported by the Friends.

I attended a Author Book Signing event, along with Friends board member, Joan McNeill, on Jan 25 at Oak Mountain. We handed out membership applications for the Friends group, spoke to individuals about all the Friends do for the library, and I made a flyer with information showing the programs, and activities the Friends supported in 2024. Hopefully this will help their membership efforts as 2025 gets underway.

The Friends also set the dates for their Tricky Tray, and Book Sales, which are as follows:

- Tricky Tray - July 16
- May 23, 24 Book Sale, 9-3
- June 20, 21 Book Sale, 9-3
- July 25, 26 Book Sale, 9-3
- Aug 22, 23 Book Sale, 9-3
- Sept 19, 20 Book Sale, 9-3

The next Friends meeting will be on April 25 at 1:30pm.

## Director's Report

During the month of December:

- We had total of 250 patrons visit the library.
  - 230 adult patrons
  - 32 children patrons
  - 3 teen patrons
  - 10 Computers were used
- 542 items were checked out
  - Adult fiction books were circulated 121 times
  - Adult video circulated 42 times
  - Children's fiction circulated 136 times
  - eContent circulated 124 times
- We registered 5 new patrons
- 83 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 248 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 102 holds were placed
- There were 226 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 27 people per day



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In January, we hosted the following events/programs:

- DIY Vision Board Craft (1/11)
- Story Time (1/14)
- Energy Jeopardy Program (1/16)
- Senior Musical Bingo (1/17)
- Story Time (1/21)
- Thursday Tech for Seniors (1/23)
- Book Club (1/23)
- Local Author Book Signing @ Oak Mountain (1/25)
- Story Time (1/28)

The following non library hosted meetings and activities were hosted in January:

- Jan 6: Town of LP Board Meeting
- Jan 7: Library Board Meeting
- Jan 8: WIC
- Jan 14: CCE Meeting
- Jan 18: DRAG
- Jan 21: Town of LP Board Meeting
- Jan 22: Dance Classes
- Jan 23: FOTL
- Jan 27: Dance Classes
- Jan 29: Dance Classes

February is National Library Lovers' Month, and we have the following events planned:

Feb 1 - Take. Your Child to the Library Day / Books and Brunch

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 - Weekly Story Time

Feb 6, 20 - Tech Thursdays for Seniors

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 - Masked Reader on FB & IG

Feb 13 - Cr'After School Program

Feb 13, 27 - Listen & Learn Musical Jam Session

Feb 21 - Book Box Member Meet up @ PERKS

Feb 22- Make an Herbal Heating Pad

Feb 26 - Blind Date with a Book

### **Other Updates**

Like in years past, January is a month for the library to get information and data together for the Annual Report. This year, SALS has requested our annual report be submitted to them by Feb 9. Nancy Seifts and I have been working to get all our information organized and ready to submit on, or before the SALS deadline. SALS will submit our report to the state in early March. I will be presenting key takeaways and highlights from the report to the Town of Lake Pleasant at their Board meeting on February 3. SALS is also organizing Zoom calls for library staff, and library boards to meet virtually with their legislators to voice their support for NYS library funding for 2025-2026. These calls will be held early in February, and I've forwarded the links and dates to all Board members.



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Alongside preparing information and data, much of January was spent weeding books. Tanisha and Roxy weeded fiction, but also nonfiction, and Westerns, which hadn't been weeded since 2021/2022. We also weeded biographies, which I don't believe had ever been weeded. We've been clearing lots of books out, which will be donated to Friends, and/or to our book giveaways at the Famers' Market.

We also hosted a Book Blizzard Reading Challenge during the month of January. There was positive interest, and a handful of signups across all different ages. We plan to continue the challenge during February in order to give participants more time to accomplish more reading.

On Jan 16, Jim from JA/SALS came to install our new color printer. He came earlier in the month than the printer I selected, and ordered, but it was the wrong device. The printer we currently have, and is a replacement for our previous color printer, is more than I submitted the invoice for; I believe there will be another \$200-\$300 we will owe JA for this new printer.

Last year, I brought up the suggestion of a virtual yoga streaming service, and I'd like to revisit it. Danielle Fisher offers a virtual yoga streaming subscription service, specifically for libraries. The cost of the service is \$200 for the whole year. I wonder if this could be a good program series to run in the summer, as it would be more passive on the library's end, but engaging for both children and adult patrons.

I would also like to revisit the idea for the Try It Kits I proposed last month. 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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