



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report March 2025

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 20 items were ordered, and the majority of the items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for April, and it will be approved via email.

The Friends of the Library granted the following financial requests in mid-March:

1. Irish Dance lesson & performance program in April (\$100)
2. Reimbursement for a tent for the Quack-a-Palooza fundraiser (\$152.96)
3. Two sports programs by Martin Gitlin in March (\$300)
4. Yearly subscription to BOLD Yoga (\$300)

I also submitted two more requests, and am hoping they'll be approved soon:

1. Bright Star Touring Theater performance of Peter Pan for summer (\$595)
2. Marketing materials and prizes for summer reading program (\$300)

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

Director's Report

During the month of March:

- We had total of 387 patrons visit the library.
 - 305 adult patrons
 - 50 children patrons
 - 14 teen patrons
 - 18 Computers were used
- 557 items were checked out
 - Adult fiction books were circulated 217 times
 - Adult video circulated 25 times
 - Children's fiction circulated 129 times
 - eContent circulated 142 times
- Aside from econtent (142), adult fiction was circulated most this month, 102 times
- Children's fiction was the next most circulated category, with 74 circulations
- We registered 2 new patrons
- 58 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 259 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 60 holds were placed
- There were 241 total unique clients who used the wifi, for an average of 28 people per day



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In March, we had the following library sponsored events/programs:

- March 4: Weekly Story Time
- March 6: Thurs Tech for Seniors - Intro to Managing Your Privacy
- March 11: Weekly Story Time
- March 13: Senior Musical Bingo
- March 14: Coloring Club
- March 18: Weekly Story Time
- March 20: Cr'After School
- March 25: Weekly Story Time
- March 27: Thurs Tech for Seniors - Podcasts at a Glance
- March 28: History of the Yankees: Before, During & After the Dynasty 5:30pm
- March 28: A New York Mets Celebration Presentation 7:00pm

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

- March 3: Dance classes
- March 5: Dance classes
- March 7: Diabetes Support Group (Hamilton County Public Health)
- March 10: Dance classes
- March 11: CCE Board meeting
- March 12: Dance classes
- March 14: Diabetes Support Group (Hamilton County Public Health)
- March 15: DRAG
- March 21: Diabetes Support Group (Hamilton County Public Health)
- March 22: It Has Pockets! Program
- March 22: Hamilton County Democratic Committee Meet & Greet
- March 24: Dance classes
- March 26: Dance classes
- March 27: Book Club
- March 28: Diabetes Support Group (Hamilton County Public Health)
- March 31: Dance classes

In April, we have the following library sponsored events/programs planned:

- April 1: Weekly Story Time
- April 1: Library BOT Meeting
- April 7: Town BOT Meeting
- April 8: Weekly Story Time
- April 10: Senior Tech : Estate Planning Resources
- April 12: Irish Dance Lesson & Performance
- April 14-17: Spring Book Sale
- April 16: Senior Musical Bingo (Broadway)
- April 19: Spring Book Sale
- April 15: Weekly Story Time
- April 22: Weekly Story Time
- April 24: Senior Tech Passwords, Passkeys & More
- April 25: Cr'After School
- April 26: Coloring Club
- April 29: Weekly Story Time



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Other Updates

This March at the library, we tried several new things, and diversified the materials in our collections. We added the first of what I hope will be many Try It Kits. Our first kit is a crochet kit; it contains everything a beginner would need to learn the basics of crochet, and try it out. This kit was checked out within two weeks of us advertising that we were offering it! We also purchased, and have put into circulation, a Yoto Mini player (a screen free audiobook device made for kids), along with four cards for the Yoto to play. Finally, we partnered with Indian Lake Theater on a 'Read and Watch' program. The Theater provided free vouchers for popcorn, which young readers could claim once they checked out, read, and returned a Dog Man book. The idea was that kids would use the popcorn vouchers to see the Dog Man movie in Indian Lake.

We received funding from Friends of the Library to purchase a subscription to Bold Yoga, which is an exclusive streaming service, specifically for libraries. We can show pre-recorded yoga classes here at our library, as programs, but patrons are also able to use our account to stream free yoga classes anywhere, anytime. There's a variety of classes, including adult yoga, gentle yoga, kid's yoga, chair yoga, and meditations.

We decided not to submit our application for the NYS Challenge Grant on March 31. While this grant could have awarded us \$5,000 towards the new digital sign we've been wanting, there were too many unanswered questions about the cost, and budget of the sign that need to be addressed before we're ready to submit an application. Kathy O'Connell and I met with a representative from Watchfire Signs in mid March to see examples of what type of sign would be best for our purposes, and use. I've included specs and details on the sign with this report to all Board members. As we did with our previous sign, the software to schedule, and control the sign's content will need to be downloaded onto a laptop. It's my recommendation that when the next JA Group Order becomes available, that we purchase a new laptop for this purpose.

We were able to fill the remaining spots for bricks in our front walkway, so that project is now complete. I've submitted the final brick orders to the brick company, and hope to receive them before summer. It would be nice to get them installed at the beginning of summer, so any patrons who are summer visitors, or residents, can come and see their brick. Also, before this summer, I would like to have parts of the interior of the library touched up with paint.

I was able to connect with LPCS and Wells art teacher, Robin Hausle, and she came in on March 14 to add kid's art to the walls in the children's library. She hopes to have teen artwork for the hallway between the Adk room and the small conference room within the next few weeks. My understanding is that she will swap out art pieces for both locations, as she has artwork become available, depending on things like student art shows, and various projects students will work on. Additionally, Robin will also be helping with art programs for our Summer Reading Program.

I'm continuing to prepare for summer with scheduling programs for kids, teens, and adults. Our Summer Reading Program (SRP) is scheduled to happen for 6 weeks, from July 14-August 22. I plan to collaborate with several local individuals and organizations to include programming that ties in with this year's theme of 'Color Our World'. I've requested \$300 from Friends of the Library to begin purchasing marketing materials, and prizes for this year.



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It's come to my attention that the library's Bank of America bill is having a hard time being paid on time, due to when we receive the bill, and the timing of submitting the BofA voucher to the Town. Unfortunately, we've been hit with a few late fines (sometimes as much as \$40), and while both the Town, and Finance Office have tried to get these fines waived, that isn't always possible. In order to avoid this in the future, it's my recommendation that we pay this bill automatically online. This way, the balance will be paid on time, and I can submit the voucher after payment is complete. I believe there are other Town accounts that also do this, in order to also avoid late fees.

As I'm sure all board members are aware, early in March there was an Executive Order to dismantle the only federal agency dedicated to funding library services, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This situation is ongoing, and developing, and it's not yet clear what the trickle down effect will be, but SALS does receive close to 8 million dollars in federal funding from IMLS. I've shared this information with library staff, and through our social media channels, along with steps individuals can take to support our library, and libraries around the U.S. It is my hope that all board members, and all Friends of the Library members will join in raising awareness on this issue, and take action to fight it. Sara Dallas would like to come to our board meeting in May, to further discuss this with us.

National Library Week is just around the corner, April 6-12. I have a few, small programs and activities in mind to celebrate. We will also be holding another book sale. This will be during Spring Break week, April 14-19.

Respectfully Submitted,

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