



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report April 2025

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 25 items were ordered, and the majority of the items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for May, and it will be approved via email.

The Friends of the Library had a meeting on April 25, I attended, as well as board members Pam Pooler, Toni Morrison, Nancy Seifts, and Donna Benkovich. A few items discussed were the Friends scholarship, memberships and dues, planning for the summer book sales, and planning for the Tricky Tray. The next Friends meeting will be on June 24 at 1pm.

Director's Report

During the month of April:

- We had total of 371 patrons visit the library.
 - 266 adult patrons
 - 76 children patrons
 - 16 teen patrons
 - 18 Computers were used
- 531 items were checked out
 - Adult fiction books were circulated 151 times
 - Adult video circulated 35 times
 - Children's fiction circulated 129 times
 - eContent circulated 128 times
- We registered 2 new patrons
- 97 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 274 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 127 holds were placed



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In April, we had 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

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

April 4: HamCo Health Diabetes Meet Up

April 7: Dance Classes

April 7: Town BOT Meeting

April 9: Dance Classes

April 19: DRAG Meeting

April 21: Dance Classes

April 21: Town BOT Meeting

April 23: Dance Classes

April 24: Book Club

April 25: FOTL Meeting

April 28: Dance Classes

April 30: Dance Classes

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

May 2: Resume Refresh for Teens & Adults

May 4: Music Circle

May 6: Weekly Story Time

May 7: Canva 101 for Business Owners

May 8: OATS Senior Tech Class

May 13: Weekly Story Time

May 15: Library Volunteer Info Session & Party

May 16: Cr'After School & Coloring Club

May 17: Cereal Party

May 21: Bold Yoga Teens & Adults

May 24: Read In

May 23 & 24: FOTL Book Sale

May 27: Weekly Story Time

May 28: Senior Musical Bingo

May 28: Home Energy Opportunities Program

May 29: OATS Senior Tech Class

May 30: Bold Yoga Kids



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Other Updates

April has been a busy month for the library. We had a number of programs, and are looking forward to more in May as we gear up for what will be a busy summer. May has programs scheduled for teens and adults to refresh their resumes, as summer jobs approach, and a program for local business owners to learn graphic design, and social media skills on the platform Canva. I've also scheduled a Read In, which is explained in more detail later in this report. As we head into the summer, and our expanded hours schedule, I scheduled a Volunteer Info Session and Party in May, where I plan to give participants info on what to expect as a library volunteer, and to encourage them to become a library volunteer.

I've given each of the board members a list of summer programs we currently have scheduled. I feel it's a good mix of offerings for all age ranges and interests. Our Summer Reading Theme is 'Color Our World', so many programs incorporate themes of color, creativity, and various kinds of art. Robin Hausle will be helping me lead several of the kid's Summer Reading Program sessions. In the list of summer programs, I also included an overview of what the activities are for each week of the kid's and teen's sessions. I've started contacting our summer volunteers, and have confirmed the summer schedule with Tanisha and Roxanne. Like last year, I'm hoping Gary Rhinehart will be available to work Tuesday mornings, as that's the one chunk of time that's not currently covered, and needs to be, as I have a program I'll be running.

Our Quack-a-Palooza event is gaining steam, and traction. So far, we have ten local businesses signed up to participate, and from talking to folks around town, I know that more are on the way.

Mid April I submitted the library's application for a Community Arts grant with ALCA. If we're awarded the grant, it will cover the cost of Blue Mountain Lake Art's performance of 'As You Like It', a teen creative writing workshop led by Susan Brewer, and Wild Acres Irish Dance group providing a lesson and performance for our kid's Summer Reading Program. The total of these programs is \$1,100. If we're successful in getting this grant, along with assistance from Friends of the Library, the summer programming the library will pay for is under \$500. There is another grant opportunity coming up in June with the Lake Placid Education Foundation. This grant is for \$500 - \$50,000 (in special circumstances). I think this would be a good grant to apply for to gain funds for our digital sign.

I got word from SALS in late April that our Annual Report was accepted and approved by the DLD. I have submitted our first half of the year computer order to JA. A new public computer should arrive in early summer to replace one of the older computers. Once the oldest computer is replaced, there will still be two computers that are past JA's warranty, and not eligible to be supported. My computer, as well, is coming up for replacement, and will soon not be eligible for service. We should keep this in mind come fall, when it's time to create the 2026 budget.

We received a generous donation of furniture in early April from Susan Goldschrafe. Wade Hartmann was kind enough to help Susan and I unload the furniture. There are pieces near the Friends room, and in the Kid's room. I wrote Susan a thank you note to express our gratitude. Other building updates include a new sump pump that was installed by the Town on April 23.



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The Christmas tree that was in the gazebo has been taken down and stored; thank you to those who helped. Before the summer, I'd like to ask the Town about help touching up some paint spots inside the library, and having the parking lines (especially in the back parking lot) repainted. We should also take down the Christmas lights, and I'd like for both the interior and exterior of the windows to be washed at some point before the summer. A spot to hang the plaque for Quack-a-Palooza winners needs to be chosen, and the plaque hung.

John Foley has been in touch and will begin cleaning out, and tending to the landscaping soon. He's requested that instead of one, lump sum payment in August, we split his payment into two, and pay the first portion now. That would mean that \$937.50 would be due now.

Throughout April, I talked to as many patrons as possible about the IMLS cuts, what it means for our library, and what individuals can do to support us, and other libraries. I've encouraged patrons to fill out a testimonial card, giving reasons, and sharing stories on why they love the library, (we can use these as data, should we ever need to), created, handed out, and shared on social media resources for patrons to learn more about the cuts, and giving them simple action steps to follow, and made bookmarks that include 6 steps people can take to support our library. I also asked frequent library user, Melonie Luck, to write a Letter to the Editor, which we'll submit to the Hamilton County Express. The reactions of support have been wonderful. We also have a Read In scheduled for May 10, from 10-2, where we'll invite patrons in to share resources for learning more, provide action steps and share scripts to read from when calling Senators and Representatives. We'll also provide some snacks, stories and games for kids, and encourage patrons to share stories with us on how the library is essential to them, and our community. Again, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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