



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report May 2025

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 22 items were ordered, and all items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for June, and it will be approved via email.

The Friends of the Library had a meeting had their first Book Sale this month, which by all reports went well. The next book sale is scheduled for June 20 and 21. There is a FOTL meeting scheduled for June 24 at 1pm. I plan to submit a financial request in June for items for our Friday Foodie fun summer programs.

Director's Report

During the month of May:

- We had total of 461 patrons visit the library.
 - 351 adult patrons
 - 67 children patrons
 - 19 teen patrons
 - 24 Computers were used
- 624 items were checked out
 - Adult fiction books were circulated 240 times
 - Adult video circulated 68 times
 - Children's fiction circulated 146 times
 - eContent circulated 143 times
- We registered 9 new patrons
- 103 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 287 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 127 holds were placed
- 354 people used the wifi, for an average of 37 people per day

Collections that circulated the most during the month of May include:

- Adirondack (18)
- Adult fiction (115)
- Children's fiction (68)
- Children's graphic novels (12)
- Children's nonfiction (29)
- Young adult fiction (34)

Most of these numbers have been on the rise since 2022. The most noticeable growth can be seen in the circulation of the Adirondack collection. In May 2022, only 2 books circulated. There has also been growth circulating young adult fiction. In May 2022, 33 books circulated, in May 2023, 26 books circulated, in May 2024, 28 books circulated.



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

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

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

May 5: Dance Classes

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May 7: Dance Classes

May 9: 7 and 8 grade visit from LPCS

May 13: CCE Meeting

May 14: Dance Classes

Ma 15: HamCo Health Dept Car Seat Service

May 19: Town BOT Meeting

May 19: Dance Classes

May 20: Historical Society Meeting

May 21: Dance Classes

May 22: Book Club

May 22: Lions Club Meeting

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

June 1: Music Circle Jam Session

June 3: Weekly Story Time

June 3: Library BOT meeting

June 4: Reality Bites: Making the Best of Life with Black Flies

June 9: Resume Refresh for Teens & Adults.

June 10: Weekly Story Time

June 11: Coloring Club

June 11: Cr'After School, Disco Ball Art

June 13: Stories & Yoga for kids

June 14: Paint a Bookend for the Library

June 17: Weekly Story Time

June 20 & 21: Friends of the Library Book Sale

June 23: BOLD Yoga for Adults - Chair Yoga

June 25: Senior Musical Bingo - At The Movies!

June 26: Thursday Tech for Seniors, Tech Tips for Disaster Preparedness



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Other Updates

May has been a month of planning for what looks like a busy summer at the library. All programs have been scheduled, and confirmed. Gary Rhinehart has agreed to volunteer Tuesdays from 10-2, starting June 3, and will continue this schedule through the end of August. This is a huge help, as that's the one time block I needed covered, so I can run the programs we have scheduled for Tuesday mornings. Richard Marks has also returned as a volunteer, and Caitlin Caswell will also continue to volunteer during the summer, every other Wednesday. At this time, we don't have any other prospective volunteers.

We have had some generous donations to our summer reading program from the Amazon Wishlist I created, and have been sharing. Materials on our wishlist include books, but also craft materials, and supplies needed for our activities. Donors who include their contact information have received/will receive a thank you note from the library.

I'm still waiting to hear about the Community Arts grant with ALCA that I submitted. 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. At the end of the month, I submitted a grant application to the Lake Placid Education Foundation. I put in for \$15,815 to go towards the cost of our new digital sign. In the meantime, we have a new chalkboard sign, which we can place in front of the library to announce programs, and we have also cleaned the foyer area to hopefully be more effective in showcasing our upcoming programs.

Towards the end of May, we hosted a Read In, and I was able to talk with a handful of patrons about the IMLS cuts, and hand out information, as well as action steps to fight the cuts. Frequent library user, and library supporter, Melonie Luck, wrote a wonderful Letter to the Editor, which appeared in the Hamilton County Express mid May. Sara Dallas will be visiting our library on June 12, one last time before her retirement. She plans to speak a bit about updates on the IMLS cuts, and how we can continue to advocate for libraries. I've already reached out to our Hamilton County Supervisors and Officials to invited them on June 12.

Both the Art Auction, and Quack-a-Palooza continue to gain steam, and are going well. Thanks to Kathy O'Connell for placing the flags around the front walkway for Memorial Day; we received many compliments on them. Kathy and I also walked the interior of the library to look at paint spots that need to be re-done, and it seems like there are so many that it might be better to hold off on doing touch ups, and just re-paint the interior of the library this fall, or winter. I spent a good amount of time cleaning, and re-organizing the craft/storage area upstairs, so it will be easy to access this summer. Our next step is to organize, and clean out the storage cabinets.

Respectfully Submitted,

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