



Lake Pleasant Public Library
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Monthly Report July 2025

The Collection Committee met via email to review purchases for the month. 39 items were ordered, and all items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for August, and it will be approved via email.

The Friends of the Library continues to hold their summer book sales, and hosted their annual Tricky Tray in July. Volunteers helped clean out the book shed after the July book sale, and it looks as though many materials were tossed to make more room in the shed.

I asked the Friends to help volunteer for the Harry Potter party on Aug 1; Sandy LaVarnway agreed to help. I also submitted two financial requests to Sandy at the end of July. Both requests are for fall programs. One is Dinoman - a kid's program on dinosaurs, set for November, and the other is for a women's self defense class, currently scheduled for October.

Director's Report

During the month of July:

- We had total of 1,476 patrons visit the library. This is our second best record for patron visits during July. Previous patron visits during the month of July are listed below.
 - 2021 - 1,407
 - 2022 - 1,417
 - 2023 - 1,333
 - 2024 - 1,532
- In July 2025, we had:
 - 1,096 adult patrons
 - 220 children patrons
 - 65 teen patrons
 - 95 Computers were used
- 1,458 items were checked out
 - Adult fiction books were circulated 600 times
 - Adult video circulated 173 times
 - Children's fiction circulated 710 times
 - eContent circulated 122 times
- We registered 29 new patrons
- 125 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 278 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 138 holds were placed
- 743 people used the wifi, for an average of 63 people per day

Other Updates

July kicked off the busy summer season for us, along with our Summer Reading Program, and our longer summer hours. Below is a list of July programs, and the attendance at each program.

- Thursday, July 3, 11am - Thursday Tech for Seniors
 - Attendance: 0
- Sunday, July 6, 3-5pm - Music Circle*
 - Attendance: 6
- Monday, July 7, 5:00pm - Artist Trivia Bingo
 - Attendance: 0
- Wednesday, July 9, 5:30pm - Make a Book Brick
 - Attendance: 7
- Thursday, July 10, 6:00pm - The Best Land, Local Author Talk
 - Attendance: 26
- Friday, July 11, 2:00-2:45pm - Friday Foodie Fun
 - Attendance: 4
- Friday, July 11, 3:00pm - Children's book author & illustrator visit
 - Attendance: 4
- Monday, July 14, 5:30-6:00p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Teens & Adults
 - Attendance: 5
- Tuesday, July 15, 10:30-11:00am - Tales, Twirls & Tinker Time
 - Attendance: 1
- Tuesday, July 15, 12:15-1:15pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
 - Attendance: 5
- Wednesday, July 16, 5:00-5:45pm - Ink It! Teen Creative Writing Summer Series
 - Attendance: 3
- Thursday July 17, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10-16
 - Attendance: 0
- Friday, July 18, 2:00-2:45pm - Friday Foodie Fun
 - Attendance: 5
- Saturday, July 19, 2:00pm - Cornell Black Bear Program*
 - Attendance: 16
- Monday, July 21, 11am - Bright Star Children's Theater performs Peter Pan
 - Attendance: Adults 25, Teens 3, Kids, 30
- Monday, July 21, 5:30-6:00p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Teens & Adults
 - Attendance: 2
- Tuesday, July 22, 10:30-11:00am - Tales, Twirls & Tinker Time
 - Attendance: 1
- Tuesday, July 22, 12:15-1:15pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
 - Attendance: 8
- Wednesday, July 23, 5:00-5:45pm - Ink It! Teen Creative Writing Summer Series
 - Attendance: 3
- Thursday, July 24, 11am - Thursday Tech for Seniors
 - Attendance: 0
- Thursday July 24, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10-16
 - Attendance: 0
- Thursday, July 24, 5:00-6:00pm - Magic of Color
 - Attendance: 38, Adults 18, Kids 20
- Friday, July 25, 2:00-2:45pm - Friday Foodie Fun
 - Attendance: 7
- Saturday, July 26, 11:30am-12:00pm - Story Time & Live Animal Art with Ally the Dog
 - Attendance: 3
- Monday, July 28, 5:30-6:00p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Teens & Adults
 - Attendance: 2
- Monday, July 28, 2:00pm - DIY Friendship Bracelets & Hair Wraps
 - Attendance: 6
- Tuesday, July 29, 10:30-11:00am - Tales, Twirls & Tinker Time
 - Attendance: 1
- Tuesday, July 29, 12:15-1:15pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
 - Attendance: 9
- Tuesday, July 29, 7:00-8:00pm - Arts Center in Blue Mountain Lake performs "As You Like It"
 - Attendance: 49, Adults: 30, Teens: 4, Kids: 15
- Wednesday, July 30, 5:00-5:45pm - Ink It! Teen Creative Writing Summer Series
 - Attendance: 3
- Thursday July 31, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10+
 - Attendance: n/a

• = Not a library program



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Other Updates

On July 17 library staff realized that there was a leak from the lower, left side of the building, adjacent to the ramp leading to the Adirondack Room. I called Betsy, and Randy to let them know, and Randy sent a few Town employees to take a look. They found that the AC unit in the attic was leaking, which they fixed, but the ceiling tiles where the water leaked are stained and will need replacing.

Kathy has been helping with projects around the library, and has installed all of the last memorial bricks, save one (because the engraving on the brick is incorrect and we need a replacement). Some other building needs that have been tended to, or will soon be attended to, include:

- Window washing - interior and exterior
- Hanging the 2024 Quack-a-Palooza plaque
- Pulling out the dead bush by gazebo?
- Having fresh lines painted on the front and back parking lots
- Laying down new grass seeding?

I would like to figure out a timeline for getting the interior of the library painted, and decide if that will be a fall/winter 2025 project, or winter 2026 project.

In addition to a busy month of programming, we also had a visit from NYS Senator Mark Walczyk. Board members Karen McComb, Nancy Seifts, and Pam Pooler also attended for the Senator's visit. He was very pleasant, and complimentary of our library and services. He mentioned that should we ever need a letter of recommendation for any grant applications, that he would be happy to write one for us.

I still haven't heard about financial awards for either the ALCA grant, or the Adk Foundation grant. I'm almost done with our application for the State Aid for Library Construction grant. It is due at the end of August, and we will be asking for 75% of the total cost of our digital sign: \$23,066.

SALS has found a new Director to replace Sara Dallas. They've hired Kimberly Bolan to the position of SALS Executive Director as of September 8, 2025.

I will be attending the NYLA Annual Conference, as I have in years past. The conference will be held in Saratoga this year, November 5-8.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Subject: Time Change: Library Board Meeting, July and August 2025

Dear Library Board Members and Public,

Please be advised that upcoming Library Board Meetings in July and August, will now be held at 3:00pm, instead of 4:00pm, on the first Tuesday of the month.

Meeting agendas, and minutes can be found on our website, at:

<https://lakepleasantlibrary.sals.edu/about-us-2/minutes/>

If you have any questions, please contact Board President, Karen McComb, or the library, at 518-548-4411.

Thank you,

Lake Pleasant Public Library Director and Board of Trustees