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Monthly Report August 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 September, and it will be approved via email.

The next Friends of the Library meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 1:30pm. I submitted 3 financial requests to Sandy in the month of August, for upcoming fall programs. I'm still waiting to hear if they have been approved.

Director's Report

During the month of August:

- We had total of 1,225 patrons visit the library.
 - 875 adult patrons
 - 232 children patrons
 - 52 teen patrons
 - 66 Computers were used
- 1,094 items were checked out
- We registered 20 new patrons
- 143 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 220 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 167 holds were placed
- 711 people used the wifi, for an average of 55 people per day

Other Updates

August was another busy month for the library. We wrapped up our 6 week summer reading program, for kids 4-9, and kids 10+, as well as hosting several programs for all other age groups.

We also hosted the third Quack-a-Palooza, which had a wonderful turnout (I would estimate around 150) and raised an excellent amount for the library. The Art Auction also came to a close in August. Most individuals have picked up the art they won, and paid for their pieces.

- Friday, Aug 1, 2:00-2:45pm - Friday Foodie Fun
 - Attendance: 2
- Saturday, Aug 2, Zoomobile
 - Attendance: 94
- Sunday, Aug 3, 3-5pm - Music Circle*
 - Attendance: 15
- Monday, Aug 4, Mindful Monday Yoga for Teens & Adults
 - Attendance:
- Tuesday, Aug 5, 10:30-11:00am - Tales, Twirls & Tinker Time
 - Attendance: 3
- Tuesday, Aug 5, 12:15-1:15pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
 - Attendance: 11
- Tuesday, Aug 5, 6pm - Erie Canal at 200
 - Attendance: 17
- Wednesday, Aug 6, 6pm - Alcohol Ink Pendants
 - Attendance: 9
- Thursday Aug 7, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10-16
 - Attendance: 3
- Thursday, Aug 7, 11a - Senior Tech
 - Attendance: 0
- Friday, Aug 8, 2:00-2:45pm - Friday Foodie Fun
 - Attendance: 9
- Saturday, Aug 9, 11a - Life and Times @ COTW
 - Attendance: 36
- Monday, Aug 11, Mindful Monday Yoga for Teens & Adults
 - Attendance: 1
- Tuesday, Aug 12, 10:30-11:00am - Tales, Twirls & Tinker Time
 - Attendance: 3
- Tuesday, Aug 12, 12:15-1:15pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
 - Attendance: 4
- Wednesday, Aug 13, 6pm - Book Character Trivia Bingo
 - Attendance: 8
- Thursday Aug 14, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10-16
 - Attendance: 3
- Friday, Aug 15, 2:00-2:45pm - Friday Foodie Fun
 - Attendance: Cancelled
- Friday, Aug 15, 5:30p - Family MagnaTiles Build
 - Attendance: 0
- Saturday, Aug 16, 11a - Bedazzle a Book
 - Attendance: 9
- Monday, Aug 18, DIY Fashion Upcycle
 - Attendance: 0
- Tuesday, Aug 19, School Supply Swap
 - Attendance: 8
- Tuesday, Aug 19, Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
 - Attendance: 5
- Wednesday, Aug 20, 6pm, Adk History Trivia Bingo
 - Attendance: 8
- Wednesday, Aug 20, 6pm, Squishmallow Paintings
 - Attendance: 0
- Thursday, Aug 21, 5pm Summer Reading Program for ages 10-16
 - Attendance: 3
- Friday, Aug 22, 5:30pm, Ozobot STEM Program
 - Attendance: 0
- Saturday, Aug 23, 11:30a - Story Time with Ally the Dog (@HamCo Recreation Day)
 - Attendance: 11
- Monday, Aug 25, 6p - Adk Invasives
 - Attendance: 11
- Wednesday Aug 27, 2p - Disaster Preparedness Program
 - Attendance:
- Thursday, Aug 28, 11a - Senior Tech
 - Attendance:
- Friday, Aug 29, 6p - Color Splash Bash
 - Attendance: 16
- Saturday, Aug 30, 11a - Paper Airplane Throwing Contest
 - Attendance:

• = Not a library program



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Other Updates

On August 20 and 21, the library fire extinguishers were inspected. The only one that was replaced was the fire extinguisher in the Adirondack room.

Kathy continues to help with projects around the library; 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?
- Replace ceiling tiles that have water damage
- Receive & install last memorial brick
- Install hooks/hangers for our Try It Kit displays
- Reinforce center bookshelf in adult fiction section

I've called the following contractors to get bids on painting the interior of the library: Harold Passino, M&K Construction and Restoration LLC, Bob Page, and Thompson's. I should have bids within the first few weeks of September. This cost, along with cleaning our outdoor, wooden sign, should be included in the 2026 budget.

I heard towards the middle of August that our grant request for \$1,100 from ALCA was successful. These funds will go towards this summer's programming. Unfortunately, we were not successful in our application for sign funding through the Lake Placid Education Foundation. I have submitted the NYS Construction grant to SALS, who will submit it to the state, at the end of August. We have asked for 75% of the total cost of our digital sign: \$23,066.

Staff evaluations will be held in September, and I will report back to the board with results. September is also Library Card Sign Up Month, so to celebrate, and encourage individuals to come into the library, we'll be holding a raffle. The more people visit the library during the month, the greater their chances are to win. We will put together a book gift basket for four different age brackets, and a winner will be pulled on September 30th.

We have some exciting programs coming up in September, as well as in the upcoming fall months. We'll be hosting:

- Silent Wings Raptor Rehabilitation & Education Program
- Heart Saver CPR & First Aid
- Women's Self Defense class
- Dinoman program, with large, inflatable dinosaurs
- A book discussion with local author Nanci Vineyard about her book set in the Adirondacks

We will also be participating in The Big Read, along with several other SALS libraries. SALS applied for, and was awarded the Big Read grant from the NEA, and will be distributing books and materials to participating SALS libraries. In October, participants who are interested, will read Mary Roach's 'Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law'. Our library will then host a book discussion, and a community art project on a subject that relates to one of the themes of the book.

I have purchased my ticket for the NYLA Annual Conference, which will be in Saratoga Springs this year, November 5-8. I will be out of the office those days to attend the conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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