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Monthly Report September 2025

The Collection Committee met on Sept 24 to review purchases for the month, as well as discuss goals and projects for 2026. We would like to continue to purchase items to build our Yoto collection, Try It Kit collection, and are planing to start our own Library of Things. For September 2025, 27 items were ordered, and all items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for October, and it will be approved via email.

There was a Friends of the Library meeting on September 10. I attended, along with Toni Morrison, Pam Pooler, Nancy Seifts, and Laura Wilt. The Friends gave us a check, which fulfills their commitment of giving \$6,000 in 2025. There was discussion of how our two organizations can collaborate, and communicate better next year, but no solid steps were put into place.

Director's Report

During the month of September:

- We had total of 491 patrons visit the library.
 - 444 adult patrons
 - 59 children patrons
 - 6 teen patrons
 - 39 Computers were used
- 764 items were checked out
 - Adult fiction was checked out 173 times
 - Adult video was checked out 112 times
 - Children's fiction was checked out 69 times
 - YA fiction was checked out 26 times
 - Children's nonfiction was checked out 51 times
 - Econtent was checked out 169 times
- We registered 5 new patrons
- 126 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 257 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 148 holds were placed
- 764 checkouts were completed
- 355 people used the wifi, for an average of 36 people per day

Other Updates

September was a change of pace from the busy summer months, and we returned to some of our regularly scheduled programs. I conducted staff evaluations from Sept 15-25, and met with Tanisha and Roxanne during the last week of September to review their evaluations. We added six Try It Kits to our collection, funded from the generous, anonymous donation we received over the summer. We now have Kits on ASL, origami, calligraphy, crochet, chess, and jewelry making for patrons to check out. I also visited grades 5-8 at LPCS towards the end of September to tell students about our YA Book Boxes, and give them the paperwork to sign up. I'm hopeful we'll have more students sign up during the month of October; currently we have 10 kids signed up for this program.

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

- Sunday, Sept 7, 3-5pm - Music Circle Jam Session
- Wednesday, Sept 10, 4:00pm - Senior Musical Bingo
- Thursday, Sept 11, 11am - Thurs Tech for Seniors: Understanding Fraud & Scams
- Thursday, Sept 11, 5:30pm - Fraud Prevention
- September 12 & 13, 9a-3p - Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Monday, Sept 15, 5:30p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Adults & Teens
- Tuesday, Sept 16, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Thursday, Sept 18, 4pm - Silent Wings Raptor Rehab & Education
- Friday, Sept 19, 2:45pm - Cr'After School, Awkward Art Picture Frame
- Friday, Sept 19, 3:00-6:00 - Coloring Club
- ~~Sept 20, 11am - Make a Book Brick~~ - cancelled: no sign ups
- Monday, Sept 22, 5:30p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Adults & Teens
- Tuesday, Sept 23, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Thursday, Sept 25, 11am - Thurs Tech for Seniors: Intro to Photo Editing Tools
- Friday, Sept 26, 2:30-3:00 - Stories & Yoga for Kids
- Friday, Sept 26, 3:00 - Friday Foodie Fun
- Monday, Sept 29, 5:30p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Adults & Teen
- Tuesday, Sept 30, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time

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

- Tuesday, September 9 - Town Board Meeting
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- Saturday, September 13 - LPSA Meeting
- Monday, September 15 - Town Board Meeting
- Tuesday, September 15 - Historical Society Meeting
- Thursday, September 18 - Lions Club Meeting
- Saturday, September 20 - DRAG Meeting
- Wednesday, Sept 24 - Dance Classes
- Thursday, Sept 25 - Car Seat Check HamCo Public Health

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

- Thursday, October 2, 11am - Thurs Tech for Seniors: Cloud Storage
- Sunday, October 5, 3-5pm - Music Circle Jam Session
- Monday, October 6, 5:30p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Adults & Teens
- Tuesday, October 7, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Wednesday, October 8, 6pm - Virtual Q&A with Author Mary Roach
- Friday, October 10, 2:45pm - Cr'After School
- Saturday, October 11, 10a-2p - Heart Saver CPR & First Aid
- Tuesday, October 14, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Thursday, October 16, 4pm - Senior Trivia Bingo: One Hit Wonders
- Friday, October 17, 4pm - Women & Girl's Basic Self Defense
- Saturday, October 18, 11am - Clay Leaf Dish Craft
- Monday, October 20, 5:30p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Adults & Teens
- Tuesday, October 21, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Friday, October 24, 2:30-3:00 - Stories & Yoga for Kids
- Friday, October 24, 3:00 - Friday Foodie Fun
- Saturday, October 25, 11am - Group discussion of The Big Read book club book, Fuzz, by Mary Roach.
- Monday, October 27, 5:30p - Mindful Monday Yoga for Adults & Teens
- Tuesday, October 28, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Tuesday, October 28, 5:00p - Save Energy, Save Dollars program
- Thursday, October 30, 11am - Thurs Tech for Seniors: Virtual Museum Tours
- Friday, October 31, 4-6pm - Trunk 'o Treat!



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Other Updates

We're still awaiting bids from Harold Passino, M&K Construction and Restoration LLC, and Thompson's on the price of painting the interior of the library. Building projects that are ongoing 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
- Install last memorial brick
- Install hooks/hangers for our Try It Kit displays
- Reinforce center bookshelf in adult fiction section

I submitted the NYS Construction grant to SALS, who approved the grant for 75% of the total cost of our digital sign: \$23,066. From here, SALS sends our grant approval to the DLD, and we wait to hear if they will award any, or all of our request. I'm also working on an ALA grant on accessibility to install automatic, sliding glass doors. This grant is due at the beginning of December. There is also a NYS Council on the Arts grant I'm working on, which is due in January of 2026.

Looking forward to October, 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 offered to host a meeting of the Rural Library Roundtable, which is a subgroup of rural libraries within SALS. Library directors who are a part of this group will come to our library on October 9 for a meeting and brief training. New SALS Director, Kim Bolan will try to attend this meeting, or stop by later that same week, as she's on a tour of the SALS libraries. I'll keep board members posted on what time she plans to visit our library, in case anyone would like to stop by and meet her.

Respectfully Submitted,

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