



Katrena Cohea, Director
518-548-4411 | kcohea@sals.edu

Monthly Report December 2025

The Collection Committee emailed to review purchases for the month. For December 2025, 35 items were ordered, and all items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for January, and it will be approved via email. Our display case will continue to showcase books from the Charlotte collection that we need, and how individuals can donate these books to the library.

The Friends of the Library had a meeting was scheduled for Dec 11, but board members agreed that there wasn't much to discuss, so the meeting was cancelled. I did receive an email that Jeannie So is retiring from the board.

Director's Report

During the month of December:

- We had total of 389 patrons visit the library (not including 45 for the Noon Years Eve party)
 - 295 adult patrons
 - 76 children patrons
 - 3 teen patrons
 - 15 computers were used
- 613 items were checked out
 - Adult books was checked out 165 times
 - Adult video was checked out 36 times
 - Children's books were checked out 128 times
 - Econtent was checked out 199 times
- We registered 3 new patrons.
- 96 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 239 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 82 holds were placed
- 245 people used the wifi, for an average of 26 people per day

Other Updates

On December 11, I submitted our grant application for \$10,000 for the ALA's Transforming Communities grant. This application is for new, automatic doors to be installed. We've received the grant check from ALCA for \$1,100, for our summer 2025 programming. I haven't yet heard back about the NYS Construction grant that we applied for earlier this fall, for the funds to purchase a new digital sign. We also received \$750 from CDLC for their Technology and Equipment Grant. This should go towards a new computer that we can put in our new Tech Room, when it becomes available. As we continue to plan this project, I'd like to return to the idea of having a food pantry in this space.

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

- Tuesday, December 2, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- ~~Wednesday, December 3, 5:30p - Family Holiday Trivia Bingo~~
- Friday, December 5, 1-7p - Blind Date with a Book and Puzzle Swap
- Saturday, December 6, 10a-2p - Blind Date with a Book and Puzzle Swap
- Tuesday, December 9, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Thursday, December 11, 5:30p - How to Hygge
- Friday, December 12, 2:30-4p - Cr'After School: Charlie Brown Tree Lot
- Saturday, December 13, 11a-1p - Taylor Swift Birthday Bash
- Tuesday, December 16, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Friday, December 19, 2:30p - Yoga and Story Time for Kids
- Friday, December 19, 3:00p - Friday Foodie Fun
- Monday, December 22, 5-7pm - Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa
- Tuesday, December 23, 12p-2p - Lunch Break Wrapping Workshop
- Saturday, December 27, 11a-1p - Selfies with a Snowman & DIY New Year's Vision Board Craft
- Monday, December 29, 2-6p - Board Game Cafe & Blind Date with a Book/Puzzle Swap
- Wednesday, December 31, 11a-1p - Noon Year's Eve Party!

December programming was festive and fun! Thank you to those of you who volunteered, and helped plan. Programs with an especially good turn out were the Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa, and the Noon Year's Eve Party.

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

- Monday, December 1- Town Board Meeting
- Sunday, December 7 - Music Circle Jam Session
- Sunday, December 14 - CCE Wreath Making Workshop
- Wednesday, December 17 - Dance Classes
- Saturday, December 20 - DRAG

*Beginning in 2026, the Town of LP will no longer hold their meetings at the library. They'll be held at the Town Offices.

In January, we have the following programs scheduled:

- Wednesday, January 7, 6p - How to Hygge
- Thursday, January 8, 10-11a - Tech Time
- Thursday, January 8, 11a - OATS
- Friday, January 9, 2-6p - Board Game Cafe
- Monday, January 12, 5:30p - Resume Refresh
- Tuesday, January 13 - Weekly Story Time
- Thursday, January 15, 3:15p - Cr'After School
- Tuesday, January 20, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Monday, January 26, 5:30p: Adult & Senior Chair Yoga
- Thursday, January 29, 10-11a - Tech Time
- Thursday, January 29, 11a - OATS
- Friday, January 23, 3:00p - Friday Foodie Fun
- Saturday, January 31, 11a - Bedazzle a Book



Katrena Cohea, Director
518-548-4411 | kcohea@sals.edu

In addition to our regular OATS programming, I'll be offering a Tech Time program, which will happen the hour before the OATS class. The idea is that if a senior has a tech question, or needs help with a phone, computer, or tablet, they can bring it to the library during this time for help. Appointments will be required, to give me time to research the problem, and find an answer.

Another update to our regular programming is our PreK Story Time. In the fall, I completed a class called Supercharged Story Times, which tips and strategies to make story times more engaging for young readers. I want to put these new ideas into practice, so will be taking over story time. However, if a community member would like to be a reader, I won't turn them away; I will work with them to find a convenient date for them to come in and read to the group.

Aligned with the goal of sharing early literacy tips, at our Noon Year's Eve party, I started telling families about a new program I hope to begin in February called "My First Book Club". It will be similar to our YA Book Boxes, but designed for families, and kids ages 0-8. The goal of this program will be to instill a love of reading in early readers, and help parents engage with their children to build early literacy skills. Hopefully it will also boost our program numbers, and help develop more YA readers, as kids age out of the program.

We had some generous donations from patrons during the months of November and December. Our new TAB (Teen Advisory Board) group was given \$1,000 for future projects and programs. We received \$500 from Camp Fowler, and received many items from our Amazon Wishlist. I put flyers up around the library from the Holiday Stroll through December, with QR codes to shop a wishlist on Amazon, and a list to our Charlotte book collection. Beginning in 2026, our collection list will have designations for our Try It Kits, and Library of Things. We continue to build our Yoto collection, as well.

Building projects that are ongoing include:

- Window washing - interior and exterior
- Hanging the 2024 Quack-a-Palooza plaque
- Replace ceiling tiles that have water damage
- Install last memorial brick
- Install hooks/hangers for our Try It Kit displays

With January and February being slower months, I would like help cleaning out, and organizing the upstairs storage area; particularly all of the filing cabinets. If anyone can volunteer an afternoon, or two to help, that would be appreciated. I'd also like help figuring out how far back we need to keep our records, so we can throw out what's no longer needed.

February is National Library Lovers' Month, and I welcome any ideas you may have for programming, or events. The annual Take Your Child to the Library Day will be on February 7. Rough ideas so far for programming include: Aloha at the Library (to beat the winter blues), and an Enchanted Library Fairy Ball (an idea from the ALA blog). Please let me know if you have other ideas. Looking even further ahead, the Summer Reading Program theme of 2026 is 'Unearth a Story'. I've already tentatively scheduled a wildlife program for July, and will continue to look for programs that have a dinosaur theme, to tie in with SRP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrena Cohea
Director



Katrena Cohea, Director
518-548-4411 | kcohea@sals.edu

Lake Pleasant Public Library Board of Trustees

Donna Benkovich, Vice President 201-527-8744

Nancy Seifts, Treasurer 518-548-2749

Toni Morrison, Secretary 518-548-4081

Susan Hartmann, Trustee 631-241-4047

Kathy O'Connell, Trustee 518-548-8401

Pam Pooler, Trustee 518-548-7511

Laura Wilt, Trustee 518-569-1555

Katie Mendez, Trustee

Caitlin Caswell, Trustee