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Monthly Director's Report May 2026

Patron & Circulation Updates

During the month of May:

- We had total of 455 patrons visit the library
 - 348 adult patrons
 - 67 children patrons
 - 18 teen patrons
 - 20 computers were used
- 638 items were checked out
 - Adult books were checked out 182 times
 - Adult video was checked out 33 times
 - Children's books were checked out 259 times
 - Econtent was checked out 106 times
 - Library of Things items were checked out 4 times
- We registered 6 new patrons.
- 78 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 203 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 16 holds were placed
- 302 people used the wifi, for an average of 26 people per day

Collection Updates

The Collection Committee emailed to review purchases for the month. For May 2026, 43 items were ordered, and all items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for May, and it will be approved via email. Now that we're entering the summer months, the collection budget will increase to allow for more purchases. In September, the budget will be reduced again.

Friends of the Library Updates

The Friends had their first book sale of the season on May 22 and 23. We had both board members and TAB members help to set up, and break down for the book sale.

Annual Report & Report to the Community

There were two questions the DLD asked us to clarify on our Annual Report; one was on budgeting, and the other were term dates for a board member. I updated both questions and re-submitted the report to SALS, who will pass the updates along to the DLD. I've completed my report to the community for 2025, and emailed all board members a copy of it. I will make the brochures of the report available in the library beginning in June, and have our website updated to include the updated report as well.



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Building Updates

The outdoor tables and gazebo sign have been put up by the Town Highway Department for the summer. Thanks to Kathy O'Connell for planting flowers underneath the front library sign.

Building projects that are ongoing include:

- Window washing - interior and exterior
- Research for continued memorial items for patrons (benches, rocks?)

Tanisha and Roxy continue to do our annual weeding, and small, organizational projects are being done around the library at the same time. I still would like assistance cleaning, throwing out, and organizing the files in the attic.

Outreach Updates

I've been in touch with Jessi Ostrander from the Wells Mealsite, and will be providing her with information and sign up forms for individuals to sign up for homebound delivery from the library. I also have a meeting scheduled with the Senior Center in Speculator to tell them about this service, as well as our other senior focused services and programs.

Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) had another successful round of their Monthly Supply Collection. During May they collected baby items. We dropped these items off at Loaves and Fishes on May 29. The group will take a break from June-August, and hopefully meet again after school starts in the fall.

I visited students at Lake Pleasant Central School on May 28, and students at Wells Central School on May 29 to distribute information about our summer reading programs. We have large posters advertising our summer reading programs, and summer story times all around town.

Throughout June, July, and August, I have three 'Coffee and Conversation' programs scheduled to meet the requirements for our ALA new automatic doors grant. The goal of these conversations is for the public to provide feedback about accessibility at the library, and what future projects individuals would like to see. I encourage board members to attend, if possible. The dates and times are posted on our website calendar, and Facebook page.

June 10-12 I will be attending the MLS Library Convening 250: Telling America's Story conference in Washington DC. The expense for this is covered by IMLS, and I successfully applied for us to receive a \$600 stipend to use for programming costs this summer/fall.

Beth Knapp will be organizing the summer art auction, as she has in the past. As I get more details from Beth, I will pass them along to the board, and the public.

We have had a couple Friends members mention that they might be interested in volunteering on Tuesday mornings (when I will need a volunteer to cover the front desk), but I haven't had any firm commitments. I will reach out to these individuals to confirm. If we are not able to find a volunteer for 10am-1pm on Tuesdays in July and August, we will need to extend Tanisha's hours, and also schedule her a lunch break, as her day would then go from 10am to 7pm.

Programming Updates

Our programs for June are listed below. I'm still finalizing a few things on our July and August calendars, but most programs are already listed on our online website calendar, and on Facebook.

Vouchers for most summer programs have been submitted. You'll see this reflected in the financial reports and financial abstracts.

In April, we hosted the following library sponsored programs/events:	Program Attendance
• Saturday, May 2 Tea Blend Workshop	• 10
• Tuesday, May 5, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time with Speculator Volunteer Ambulance Corps	• 12
• Thursday, May 7, 10-10:45am - Tech Time	• 2
• Thursday, May 7, 11am - AI and Your Small Business	• 0
• Friday, May 8, 4:00pm - Adult & Kid Craft Time for Mother's Day	• 8
• Tuesday, May 12, 11:30-12:00pm - Weekly Story Time	• 13
• Wednesday, May 13, 5:30pm - Save Energy, Save Dollars	• 2
• Thursday, May 13, 5:30pm - Resume Refresh for Adults & Teens	• 0
• Friday, May 15, 3:00pm - Friday Foodie Fun	• 6
• Wednesday, May 20, 6:00pm - Mocktails & Mental Health	• 14
• Thursday, May 21, 5:30pm - Adirondack Author Talk with Nanci Vineyard	• 2
• Saturday, May 23, 2:00pm - From Book to Screen: The Greatest Film Adaptations of All Time	• 2
• Tuesday, May 26, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time	• 5
• Wednesday, May 27, 5:30pm - Mindful Self-Care Mini Workshop	• 5
• Thursday, May 28, 10-10:45am - Tech Time	• 0
• Thursday, May 28, 3:00pm - My First Book Club Meetup	• 5
• Thursday, May 28, 11am - OATS: Understanding Fraud & Scams	• 2

The following (nonlibrary) meetings used the library space in May:

- Music Circle - May 3
- Dance Classes - May 6
- HamCo Public Health Car Seat Check - May 7
- Cornell CE - May 12
- DRAG - May 16
- Book Club - May 27

In June we're planning on hosting the following programs:

- Tuesday, June 2, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Tuesday, June 9, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Tuesday, June 16, 11:30-12:00pm - **SPECIAL** Weekly Story Time with a Forest Ranger
- Wednesday, June 17, 3:15pm - Cr'After School
- Thursday, June 18, 10:00am - Conversation & Coffee
- Saturday, June 20, 10:00am-2:00pm: Heart Saver CPR Clas
- Monday, June 22, 6:00pm - All About Libby
- Tuesday, June 23, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time
- Thursday, June 25, 10-10:45am - Tech Time
- Thursday, June 25, 11am - OATS (Older Adult Technology Services) Class for Seniors:
Understanding Fraud & Scams.
- Saturday, June 27, 11:00am - Tshirt Yarn Placemats
- Tuesday, June 30, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time



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Grant Updates

I'm still waiting on the final bid for the electric work on our automatic door project. I hope to have it before the end of June. At that time I will pass all the bids for that electrical work onto the Town Building Committee.

In mid-May I submitted a grant application for the Library Services & Technology grant from NYS Library, and the Lake Placid Education Foundation grant. The NYS grant was a request for \$5,000 to pursue the Birdify bird feeder project we discussed at our meeting in March. The Lake Placid grant was a request for \$3,000 to support the purchase of materials, supplies, and programs for our YA Book Boxes. I do not plan on applying for any more grants for the remainder of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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