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Monthly Director's Report June 2026

Patron & Circulation Updates

During the month of June:

- We had total of 794 patrons visit the library
 - 581 adult patrons
 - 135 children patrons
 - 44 teen patrons
 - 34 computers were used
- 971 items were checked out
 - Adult books were checked out 301 times
 - Adult video was checked out 47 times
 - Children's books were checked out 335 times
 - Econtent was checked out 151 times
 - Library of Things items were checked out 3 times
- We registered 24 new patrons.
- 78 items were received to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 270 items were transferred to fill holds between MVLS & SALS
- 106 holds were placed
- 531 people used the wifi, for an average of 42 people per day

Collection Updates

The Collection Committee emailed to review purchases for the month. For June 2026, 70 items were ordered, and all items ordered have been received, and processed. The Collection Committee has received the collection list for July, and it will be approved via email.

I was made aware of an Amazon alternative to purchasing books via SALS, and had a meeting with Julie Berry, who is one of the owners of Author's Note. They offer library ordering (with special pricing), as well as cataloging and labeling services. I sent all board members a copy of the information she shared with me, and would like to discuss the possibility of moving our purchasing, and labeling to Author's Note. While they can't offer prices as low as Amazon, some of the benefits are keeping our purchases circulating within the New York local economy, and potentially saving on purchasing labeling materials, while allowing library staff to utilize their time more efficiently.

Friends of the Library Updates

The Friends had their book sale on June 19 and 20, and tried offering a bake sale along with the book sale. There was a meeting on June 9th; some of the items discussed included an Open House in August to help inform Friends members about their work and support of the library with a slide show, planning for the Tricky Tray, and how to continue cleaning out the Friends Room and shed. On June 24, members of TAB and library volunteers began the cleaning process in the shed.



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Building Updates

Foley's has been cleaning and tending the landscaping, and it's looking nice. Our summer reading program banners are now on display - thanks to Kathy O'Connell for putting these up. Despite having sent several emails, I have not been able to find additional bids for our digital sign. We have a bid from AJ Sign Co. and Watchtower, but the AJ bid uses a Watchtower sign, so they are essentially the same. When our grant funding for this project comes through (hopefully in August), I will have to tell the Town Board I was only able to get one quote.

I could only get two quotes for the electric work for our automatic door project. We received bids from Mike Visscher, and Gary Foutch. I've attached these in an email to the Library Board, and will share it with the Town Board as well to ensure we keep on top of this project.

Building projects that are ongoing include:

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

All weeding projects are complete. After weeding all sections of the library, we were able to move all books to the lower level, except for Adirondack books. This allowed us to open up the Adirondack section more, in order to make materials more visible and inviting. Currently in the Adirondack Room there is a more open section for Adirondack fiction, and Adirondack Life magazines. The shelves in the Adirondack cove area are now more organized and open.

I would like assistance cleaning, throwing out, and organizing the files in the attic.

Outreach Updates

Once we approve our outreach and homebound policy, I will reach out to 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 have a meeting scheduled in August with the Senior Center in Speculator to tell them about this service, as well as our other senior focused services and programs.

I attended the IMLS Library Convening 250: Telling America's Story conference in Washington DC, and it was an interesting and informative conference. I took away ideas for programs, and possible collaborations to put into place this fall, and beyond. A topic that came up several times during this conference was the importance of MOUs when doing community collaborations; this is something we likely want to keep in mind, and perhaps create, as we complete our policy review.

The Summer Art Auction that Beth Knapp coordinates is now active in the library. We've had a few submissions, and we will continue to advertise the project to the community. All artwork should be received by August 1.

Personnel Updates

I found a volunteer to take the Tuesday 10am-1pm shift in July and August, and have had a few other returnee volunteers sign up as well. We are in good shape for the summer, with five volunteers on board, in addition to our usual staff.

Programming Updates

Programs for July and August are now finalized. We will be offering a 4 week summer reading program for ages 4-9, and ages 10+, in addition to a weekly story time, running July 7-Aug 11, and all other programming, listed below.

In June, we hosted the following library sponsored programs/events:	Program Attendance
• Tuesday, June 2, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time	• 7
• Tuesday, June 9, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time	• 8
• Tuesday, June 16, 11:30-12:00pm - SPECIAL Weekly Story Time with a Forest Ranger	• 12
• Wednesday, June 17, 3:15pm - Cr'After School	• 9
• Thursday, June 18, 10:00am - Conversation & Coffee	• 4
• Saturday, June 20, 10:00am-2:00pm: Heart Saver CPR Clas	• 4
• Monday, June 22, 6:00pm - All About Libby	• 0
• Tuesday, June 23, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time	• 0
• Thursday, June 25, 10-10:45am - Tech Time	• 0
• Thursday, June 25, 11am - OATS (Older Adult Technology Services) Class for Seniors: Understanding Fraud & Scams.	• 0
• Saturday, June 27, 11:00am - Tshirt Yarn Placemats	• 7
• Tuesday, June 30, 11:30-12:00 - Weekly Story Time	• 3

The following (nonlibrary) meetings used the library space in June

- Music Circle - June 7
- Soil & Water - June 10
- HamCo Public Health - June 16
- DRAG - June 20

In July we plan on hosting the following programs:

- Wednesday, July 1, 6:00pm - DIY Revolutionary Dino
- Thursday, July 2, 10-10:45am - Tech Time
- Thursday, July 2, 11:00am - A.I. All Around
- Friday, July 3, 11:00am - REPCO Wildlife at the Speculator Pavilion
- Monday, July 6, 7:00pm - Dino Academy at the Speculator Pavilion
- Tuesday, July 7, 10:30-11:00 - Story Time
- Tuesday, July 7, 12:15-1:15 - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
- Wednesday, July 8, 2:00-5:00pm - Chalk Art Competition
- Thursday, July 9, 11:00am - Healthcare Proxy + More with Mountain Valley Hospice
- Thursday, July 9, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10+
- Friday, July 10, 6:00pm - Composing Better Photographs
- Monday, July 13, 5:00pm - All About Libby
- Tuesday, July 14, 10:30-11:00 - Story Time
- Tuesday, July 14, 12:15-1:15 - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
- Thursday, July 16, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10+
- Friday, July 17, 12:30pm - Dino 3D Printing Program
- Saturday, July 18, 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
- Monday, July 20, 11:00am - Dinoman at the Speculator Pavilion
- Tuesday, July 21, 10:30-11:00 - Story Time
- Tuesday, July 21, 12:15-1:15 - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
- Wednesday, July 22, 2:00pm - Didgeridoo Down Under at the Speculator Pavilion
- Thursday, July 23, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10+



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- Friday, July 24, 9:00am-3:00pm & Saturday, July 24, 9:00am-3:00pm - Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Monday, July 27, 5:00pm - America 250 Story & Craft Time
- Tuesday, July 28, 10:30-11:00 - Story Time
- Tuesday, July 28, 12:15-1:15 - Summer Reading Program for ages 4-9
- Thursday, July 30, 10-10:45am - Tech Time
- Thursday, July 30, 5:00-6:00pm - Summer Reading Program for ages 10+

In August we plan on hosting the following programs:

- Saturday, August 1, 2:00pm - Tasting Table: U.S. Presidents' Favorite Foods
- Monday, August 3, 5:30 - Climbing to New Heights with local author, Terry Hynes
- Tuesday, August 4, 10:30-11:00 - Story Time
- Tuesday, August 4, 6:00pm - Women of Mystery
- Wednesday, August 5, 6:00pm - Resume Refresh for Teens and Adults
- Thursday, August 6, 10-10:45am - Tech Time
- Thursday, August 6, 11:00am - Understanding Fraud & Scams
- Friday, August 7, 2:00-5:00pm - Chalk Art Competition
- Saturday, August 8, 11:00am - Utica Zoomobile at the Speculator Pavilion
- Monday, August 10, 10:00am - Coffee and Conversation
- Tuesday, August 11, 10:30-11:00 - Story Time
- Wednesday, August 12, 6:00pm - Ladies' Self Defense
- Thursday, August 13, 2:00-6:00pm - School Supply & Fashion Swap
- Friday, August 14, 9:00am-3:00pm & Saturday, August 15, 9:00am-3:00pm - Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Saturday, August 15, 11:00am -Percy Jackson Birthday Bash
- Monday, August 17, 4:00-6:00pm - Rubber Duckie Decorating Contes
- Wednesday, August 19, 4:00-7:00pm: Quack-a-Palooza at the Speculator Pavilion
- Friday, August 21, 5:00pm - Celebrate America's 250th with Marty Podskoch
- Tuesday, August 25, 2:00pm - Tea Rex Summer Sendoff Party!
- Thursday, August 27, 10-10:45am - Tech Time

Grant Updates

I hosted the first of our grant required Community Conversations for our automatic door project in June. It was a successful conversation; we had four people in attendance. I will continue to spread the word about the conversations happening in July and August, and I encourage board members to attend, if possible. The dates and times are posted on our website calendar, and Facebook page.

There are no other grant updates at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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