

Wead Library Report 9/15/2025

Summer activities kept the Wead Library staff busy and Fall is showing no signs of slowing. 88 children, 10 teens and 13 adults registered for the Summer Reading Program. The most popular program was the Herpetology show held at the Elks Lodge. 156 people total attended 2 shows. The Tye Dye Teddy Bear story times were also popular with 27 children bringing home their own colorful bear. B Cotten and M McDonald are finishing the grant report.

E Mooseman from the Tobacco Use Reduction Network (TURN) presented a wonderfully lively Butterfly Storytime for ages 8 and under. We are hoping to partner with a high school group this fall for a TURN Chalk the Walk event to spread tobacco free messages in the community. B Cotten presented 2 extra story times in August for ages 4 and up. Her Flower Bouquet Building and Back to School themed programs were well attended. As part of the Thinking Money for Kids grant, she will offer a Piggy Bank Theatre for ages 4 and up in September. Weekly self-guided StoryWalks in Arsenal Green Park were well received in August, however, the *30,000 Stitches* by Amanda Davis 9/11 themed StoryWalk was vandalized between Sept 9th and 10th resulting in remaining StoryWalks being cancelled. This is especially disappointing because Flanders and St. Joe's classes had accepted an invitation to view the StoryWalks as part of a 9/11 discussion. Most of the materials needed for future stories remain missing.

On a positive note, the Patron Appreciation Day Ice Cream Event on August 21st went very smoothly in part due to the nice weather. Staff members scooped out 94 sundaes which surpassed our goal of beating last year's number (84). Thank you to Bokie's Drive In for delivering the goodies and helping with setup. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through Malone Central Schools was also highly attended. From July 7 through August 15th the library saw 30 free lunches a day given to those 18 and under who stopped by Mon - Fri.

The Wead Library sponsored ten 15 second Back to School Safety messages which ran on Wild Country FM Sept 1 - 7. The possibility of sponsoring future messages was discussed with the sales rep.

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System's (CEFLS) director S Kenworthy visited the Wead Library on August 18th for an annual check in. Having him attend a fall board meeting to present CEFLS services was also discussed. A Bouchard at CEFLS received a grant from United Way for continuing the personal care supplies which is vital

to the continuation of the library's Personal Care Pantry. Our personal hygiene supplies are running low. Along the same lines, the diaper distributions at the library have seen an increase in the past month. The Wead Library has given out 84 packages of free diapers since April with approximately 40 given out in August. This program is made possible through the ADK Diaper Bank, Adirondack Foundation and CEFLS.

This summer we bid farewell to N Andre and J Dabiew with gratitude for their contributions and warm wishes for success in their new endeavors. The staff recently welcomed G Cypher to the part-time team and are excited for the arrival of A Paulson to the long vacant library director position. We are also grateful to have long-time patron and librarian B Cotten join us in a per diem role, where she is sharing her talents facilitating programs and growing our collection. The part-time staff continues to be essential in providing quality service to the community, putting in extra hours and duties as allowed.

Two new portable floor ac units were sufficient in creating a usable space on the 3rd floor during the warmer months. We are still awaiting a plan from Ice Time to replace the back ac unit which remained in working order this summer. Lift inspections will take place Sept 17th in conjunction with Malone Central Schools' inspections. Harris Oil will conduct maintenance on the boiler Sept 26th in preparation for falling temperatures. Cleansweep has been contacted about shampooing the library's carpets. I am awaiting a response to a request it be done over Columbus/Indigenous People's Day weekend. Seven C's Masonry completed the repair work on the final portion of the outside wall. Superior Snow Services is set to take care of the parking lot this winter.

Respectfully,

Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk