

Wead Library Report 4/28/2025

The Wead Library has been a busy place the last month as morning foot traffic has picked up a bit. With programs, staff illness, vacations and appointments, the flexibility of the entire staff is key in juggling the schedules and is deeply appreciated. Our substitutes have been utilized regularly and we look forward to adding J Dabiew back to the mix mid-May as she finishes another college semester.

Our collaboration with Bokie's Drive In is continuing again this year through the Bokie's Sweet Reads reading program. All ages are invited to record books read on a special bookmark available at Bokies and the Wead Library, get it validated at the library and bring it to Bokie's for a free treat. Ages 13+ may also participate through the library's Beanstack app. Bokie's reported that the total bookmarks redeemed in 2024 was 232, + 68 from 2023. We are hopeful 2025 numbers will also increase as we have already validated 13 bookmarks in the first 2 weeks of the program.

On March 27th I attended a zoom meeting facilitated by CEFLS on the president's executive order attempting to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Impact to the library system. Meg Backus, executive director of NNYLN also weighed in. Although the libraries don't directly receive funding from IMLS, the state's rely heavily on this funding thus impacting their state budgets. All entities are trying to figure out a plan to mitigate the impact. The Wead Library shared information on the weadlibrary.com website and fb page and posted flyers with QR codes in the library to educate patrons and ask them to contact their representatives to protect library funding. NNYLN is trying to arrange a visit from Assemblyman Jones and Senator Stec to the Akwesasne and Wead Libraries. So far, the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (CEFLS) libraries have been notified that the Summer Reading Program Grants have been put on hold. Due to the ongoing uncertainty around IMLS reauthorization and the still-unapproved NY State budget, it's unclear what funding will ultimately be available.

Superior Glass has found and ordered a kit to repair the crash bar on the ramp door. There is still no definitive time frame for the replacement. Ice Time in Lake Placid is working on an updated quote on a heat pump split system. Ice Time

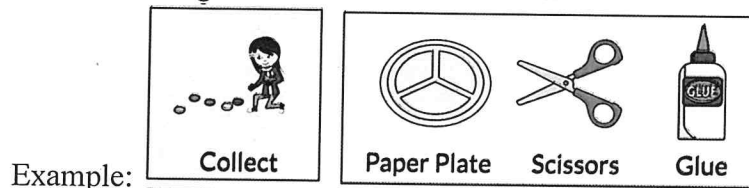
explained regulations have changed on coolant requiring changes to existing systems and higher costs. He will research the best system and scenarios for the library. Cornerstone will service the AC in the front room on May 5th. This unit may also be affected by the new regulations. As long as the coolant isn't leaking, we can still use the AC units.

Respectfully,

Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk

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On April 1st, I attended the Summer Reading Program workshop at Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (CEFLS). I really enjoyed the different crafts showcased this year. This year's summer reading theme is "Color our World." Trish Friedlander an Early Intervention and Preschool SLP gave a brief introduction to the Laminated communication boards that she worked with CEFLS to create for each library. She also provided us with visual direction sheet for a "Create your World" craft. These directions contain one or two words and a simple picture. In the past, we only used written instructions for the summer reading program. I hope to utilize Trish's website to transition using both forms of instructions.



After receiving a postcard in the mail, I applied on behalf of the Wead Library to be a part of the Birding for All initiative. Birding for All is an Adirondack Land Trust program that provides a backpack, binoculars, and reference materials to a library's circulating collection to facilitate local bird watching. I was fortunate to hear back that the Wead Library had been selected. On April 16th, I met with Kathy Woughter and Olivia Dwyer from the Adirondack Land Trust. We had a small photoshoot with the new backpack and two Wead Library patrons. The Adirondack Land Trust will be sending out a press release once the new round of libraries have all received their backpacks. I hope to have the backpack ready for check out by end of May 2nd.

Each Birding for All backpack includes:

Binoculars: Vortex Viper HD 8X42 binoculars for clear and detailed viewing.

Field Guide: *Sibley Birds East*, a field guide for identifying birds.

Learning Materials: Instructions on how to use and care for binoculars.

Notebook: A shared logbook for users to record and share their bird sightings and experiences.

Each backpack and its contents exceed \$725 in value. Birding for All is designed to expand access to birding by removing cost barriers to participation.

Teen and children's events have continued to go well.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chelsie Russo