

## Library Report 3/18/2024

This month got off to a great start with good attendance for two back to back programs. *Intro to Composting* presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension on March 4th had 12 attendees. Congratulations to J Bosco for winning the tabletop compost bin door prize. 38 people enjoyed master storyteller Perry Ground's *Raven Steals the Sun: Native American Eclipse Stories* on March 5th. The Malone Telegram published an informative article before the Eclipse event and a followup photo afterwards. The staff received positive feedback from many attendees, making the efforts to bring the program here on a weeknight well worth it. To the disappointment of some patrons, several of our events have already reached maximum registration. The staff is constantly revisiting and adjusting procedures to hopefully elevate our public programs and services.

I am working through the list of outdoor spring maintenance projects and contacting the proper businesses. LeRoy Property Service will give us a quote for basic cleanup, bush trimming, and mulch replenish. It was decided to wait and do a more extensive landscape renovation after the roof/window project is completed. Leahy's Snow Control will be reseeding a small portion of the back yard once the snow is gone for good. Cleansweep will continue their regular yard maintenance and recently shampooed the carpets inside the building.

Adirondack Alarms installed 4 more security cameras bringing our total number of cameras to 8, enhancing the safety and well-being of patrons and staff. The new views include, inside: adult fiction, children's non-fiction, and outside: the front of the library from the ramp to the gazebo, and the children's room ramp entrance. The hard drive was also updated providing a better overall system.

The microfilm reader had been experiencing crashes for the past year. Several attempts were made by Instream to fix the issue to no avail. It was recently determined to be an odd issue with Microsoft settings on the PC which hosts the ScanPro software. The Instream tech was instrumental in working with our IT company, Symquest and both are optimistic the issue is resolved. The microfilm machine is expected to be up and running again by the end of the month. Summer usually sees the biggest microfilm usage.

*Respectfully,*  
*Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk*

Librarian Report  
March 18, 2024

For the second year in a row, the Wead Library had a Black History Month Film series. Unfortunately, no one attended this year's events. These films will be added to the library's collection.<sup>1</sup> I hope to continue offering films for Black History Month after finding the best day/time for viewings.

I recently received my continuing education certificate from the New York Library Association (NYLA) conference. K. Martin and I both received 11 hours on continuing education credit each. This brings my total credit hours to 40 hours and 45 minutes. I have to complete 19 hours and 15 minutes continuing education credits before 3/4/26.

We had our first teen escape room on March 13<sup>th</sup>. I purchased an escape room on Teachers Pay Teachers (TPT), and Karlee did much of the leg work on setting up the locks. She also used resources received from the 2023 Summer Reading Program (SRP) to add an additional lock. We had 5 participants that seemed to have a great time! Interested participants left with a Solar Eclipse Glasses waiver form and will receive their glasses upon returning it. We had many other teens show interest in the program but were unable to attend due to a prescheduled extra-curricular activity. We hope to have more escape rooms in the future.

The preschool and toddler story hours are going great! So far, 29 individual children have participated in story hour, and many have attended multiple (if not all) sessions. The evening Friday story hour still has not taken off. I plan to continue with the evening story hour through the season and reevaluate before the fall session.

As much as I have tried to hold off, ideas are already spinning for the 2024 SRP. This year the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is Adventure Begins at Your Library. During SRP, I plan to incorporate the very fitting Smokey Bear Reading Challenge to celebrate Smokey's 80th Birthday.

If you have any questions, please let me know.  
-Chelsie Russo

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<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, the DVD for Free Renty would not play and will not be added to the collection.

Part-time Librarian I Report  
March 2024

With the Wead Library's solar eclipse programming underway, much of my Part-time Librarian I hours have been spent preparing and implementing these activities. To launch the program series, I created a blog post on our website which informs and connects the community to our solar eclipse schedule. On March 5, I joined Chelsie in welcoming attendees to Perry Ground's amazing *Raven Steals the Sun: Native American Eclipse Stories*. Using resources provided by one of our solar eclipse program sponsors, GLOBE Observer, I also organized the *Cloud Observation* presentation to educate teens and adults about why scientist study clouds and how attendees can collect data using the GLOBE Observer app. Participants will receive resources that they can use on the day of the solar eclipse and throughout the year. I will be presenting this on Friday, March 13.

Additionally, I have helped Chelsie input program, meeting, and tutor data for our February statistics. I learned a lot about the precision and detail that goes into this important process.

Thank you,  
Karlee Martin