

Wead Library Report 7/20/2026

Library Facility

- Construction Project updates:
 - The slate roof portion on the project is wrapping up. A different crew will move on to the flat roof. At this time there is no update on the basement window timeframe that was to begin asap.
 - Neighbor Shirley Davis let us know that sometime in the next month she is having the maple tree close to the library property near the flat roof area trimmed. I informed RSI foreman Greg who said he would pass the word along to the next crew that will be working on the flat roof.
- Superior Glass inspected the wooden Park Street door and was able to get the lock working again for now. The arm that gently closes the door has also stopped working and is beyond repair. The door will not last much longer (especially through the winter) so finding a replacement has begun.

Finance

- Awaiting June financial report from Malone Central School District
- National Grid Invoices have been a mess as payments have been misapplied by the company. Doreen Lahaie, Accounts Payable at Malone Central School District has been a tremendous help and is on top of the issue.
- Invoices have been paid to date, but I have not compiled the bills submitted at this time.

Summer Programming

- The library's America's 250th Birthday Party Story Time was well attended with 19 children and 10 adults. Jeanne and I each read a story, children learned a flag song, had a parade, made patriotic party hats, sang happy birthday and enjoyed snacks. Each child took home an American flag.
- Zeallah Senter conducted a successful DINO Story Time with Bethany Cotten assisting. 11 children and 10 adults attended. They enjoyed 2 stories, a DINO moving activity and then made their own fossils to take home along with a small plastic dinosaur and dino tattoos.
- Although the programs at the Elks Lodge have been sparsely attended, those who have come enjoyed the creative musical events. RiverJack Z sang with 3 children and 6 adults. Nan Hoffman entertained 4 children and 4 adults. We believe the low attendance may be in part to competing programs happening at the Malone Rec Park during the same timeslots. Next year we hope to coordinate with program directors beforehand and perhaps change our time. We do have 16 children signed up for the Drum Circle on Weds 7/22. Adirondack Events cancelled their August activity so our closing event will be Ron Cain's DinoMagic Mystery Show on July 29th.
- Summer Reading Log signups are ongoing. We currently have 71 signed up. There are a few more 18+ registered than previous years. I believe this is due to our slight change in format. Participants have until August 15th to return the logs for a FREE book.

- The FREE Summer lunch program has been well received again this year. Since beginning on July 6th 20-25 bagged lunches are being distributed from this location each weekday. The program runs through August 14th.
- Regular programming during the summer months facilitated by part-time staff continues to be well attended. (Knot Just Knitting, Book Club, Lego Club)
- Gayle Cypher manned a library table at TruNorthern Federal Credit Union's Customer event on Friday, 7/17. She promoted the library's Summer Reading Program. We did get a few more signups from people she saw at the event. We thanked Tristan Thursby at the Credit Union for inviting the Wead Library.
- The Internet was not working most of the day Friday 7/17. Westelcom (SLIC) sent technicians in the afternoon who swapped out the battery backup equipment that was outdated and stopped working. It is the main power source for the router. They said this was a common occurrence. Thankfully it was a quick fix.
- Sharon Carey has coordinated the July/August Homegrown Art Wall exhibit featuring the paintings of Karen Lamitie King.

Principal Library Clerk activities

- The printer issues at the front desk seem to be resolved with the correct print drivers. I did have to adjust the security settings on a public computer and call Symquest for assistance on password resets.
- I am working with Malone Central to complete new fiscal year tasks. (payroll changes, certificates, inspections, POs)
- The Annual Report is still needing attention. CEFLS has been working on the financial portion and emailed questions. I spoke with Michael Spofford this week regarding his questions. He followed up with an email stating the state is looking for completed reports.
- Darlene Fanus and I attended a CEFLS webinar on Wednesday, June 24th about website accessibility. We met Tues June 23rd to finish reviewing the library's website and then met with IT's Simple to go over our preliminary layouts on July 9th. He has returned a contract for review and will begin work on the redesign.
- Zeallah Senter started her full time clerk position on July 1st and has been progressing steadily with her duties.
- Bethany Cotten has been able to return 1-2 days per week to assist with librarian tasks.
- I hope to begin preparing materials in preparation for Amanda Margis' arrival in August.

Respectfully Submitted
 Mary McDonald
 Principal Library Clerk