

Library Report 2/26/2024

Another winter book sale has wrapped up. Thankfully the weather cooperated this year. We had 8 teen volunteers assist with the setup and receive service credit which has been extremely helpful for both parties. Brayson Thomas, Jayden Clark, Alyanna Clark, Caitlin Corrice, Addison Fleury, Leo Ruvola, Desmond Ruvola, and Eleanor Atkinson came to lend a hand. As always, our adult volunteers are key in the sale running so smoothly. Special thanks to Liz Marshall, Barb Winthrop-Benware, Jan Chatland, Debbie Trickey, Chris Eggsware and Jeanne Leclerc. Our new process of screening the donated items seemed to work more efficiently. Sales generated the second week were not significant so in the future the sale can end after 1 week which makes the 3rd floor available for programs sooner. This sale totalled \$922.

The March calendar is out and the month will be the busiest I can remember due in part to the multiple programs leading up to the solar eclipse on April 8th planned by C Russo and K Martin. The Malone Telegram was contacted and we are hoping for a story featuring the variety of programs. We also plan to try a facebook ad or two to help get the word out. In addition to the eclipse programs, K Martin has scheduled an "Intro to Composting" presentation with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Winnie McQuinn's Qigong and Yoga will be starting again on Tuesday mornings. B Brabon and M McGarvey held an "Intro to Crocheting" on February 3rd and over 30 people came to learn. It has been exciting to see the popularity of programs at the library grow. The key perhaps has been the library's flexibility and willingness to try new ideas.

The Wead Library was the first library in the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library system to submit the 2023 Annual Report. The report should be ready for board approval in March. I would like to give credit to C Russo (programming) and B Brabon (general circulation) for compiling all the statistics throughout the year and K Martin for making sure information is being recorded on a daily basis. N Andre's assistance in completing the report is also key. In the next few months, C Russo and I hope to develop a more reader friendly report for the public that summarizes key library statistics.

A few building projects on the radar for spring are landscape maintenance, repainting parking lot lines, repairing the front ramp and caulking on the front steps. The winter plowing/sanding by Leahy's Snow Removal went well. The library will also be getting 4 more security cameras (2 inside, 2 outside) and an upgraded hard drive. The current system was installed 10+ years ago.

Respectfully,

Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk

Librarian Report
February 26, 2024

The month of February has been incredibly busy, and we will only be getting busier as the Total Solar Eclipse approaches. All three-Story Hour programs, Stories & STEAM, and Bookworms have started off with great attendance. In Story Hour, I have shifted from product-focused crafts to crafts and activities that focus on the process. Specifically, fine motor and problem-solving skills. This has been a great hit with caregivers and the children. Many sweet conversations have been had between children and their grownups.

For February, we combined Lego Club and our Therapy Dog program. Lego Club had 17 attendees and Sven the Therapy Dog had 22 unique visitors that came specifically to see him. It made for a great and lively program.

Our Cozy up with a Good Book Beanstack reading challenges will run through February 29th. The youth challenge has had 9 registrations and has read 2,735 minutes. The teen/adult challenge has had 25 registrations and has read 17,734 minutes. There have been 3 teen registrations and 22 adult (18+) registrations.

On March 5th, we are excited to welcome back Mr. Perry Ground for the presentation, Raven Steals the Sun: Native American Eclipse Stories. This will serve as the launch to our eclipse programming schedule. We have solar eclipse glasses that will be distributed (one per person over 3 years of age) to attendees of our eclipse events, and those who participate in our Beanstack Discover the Solar Eclipse challenge. The eclipse glasses will be available while supplies last. Please take a look at the full eclipse schedule! There may be a program or two that you would like to attend.

The Library has many exciting events during the month of March. In addition to the many Solar Eclipse events scheduled, Northern Area Health Education Center will be coming to the Library on Thursday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. to put on a Health Career Presentation. After the presentation there will be an opportunity for attendees to use oculus headsets to go through health-related simulations.

S. Carey has been beyond helpful in the children's room. She has helped tremendously with processing the children's books, which involves typing book pockets, bookshelf list cards, placing series, graphic, or leveled stickers when necessary and adding barcode stickers. Much of this was previously done by Baker & Taylor. Ingram does include completed pockets and spine labels on most books but unfortunately does not offer any catalog cards as many libraries no longer use them.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

- **Chelsie Russo**

WEAD LIBRARY

MARCH 2024

HOURS
 Monday : 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Tuesday : 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday : 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Thursday : 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Friday : 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday : 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Sunday : CLOSED

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Total Solar Eclipse
 Attend any Solar Eclipse event at the Wead Library to receive your **free** Eclipse Glasses while supplies last

Launch event: Raven Steals the Sun on Tuesday, March 7th at 5:00 p.m.

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	Intro to Composting 5:30 PM	Story Hour Toddler Time 11 AM	Therapy Dog at LEGO CLUB Visit with Sven!	Story Hour Preschool Aged 11 AM	Family (bimonthly) Story Hour 5 PM	Knot Just Knitting at 11 AM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	 Native American Eclipse Stories Perry Ground - Master Storyteller All AGES 5 PM	QIGONG & YOGA WITH WINNIE 10 AM REGISTRATION REQUIRED	Stories & STEAM Registration Required. 11 AM	Story Hour Preschool Aged 11 AM	Family (bimonthly) Story Hour 5 PM	Book Club (19+) 11 AM BY DAPHNE DU MAURIER
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Board of Trustees Meeting 7 PM	QIGONG & YOGA WITH WINNIE 10 AM REGISTRATION REQUIRED	Teen Event: Escape Room 4 p.m.	Story Hour Preschool Aged 11 AM	Family (bimonthly) Story Hour 5 PM	The Sun and the Moon Story Time: Totality! 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Where: Owls Head Mountain View Community Connection, Inc. 1977 County Route 27 Children 12 & under Owls Head, NY 12969
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Board of Trustees Meeting 7 PM	QIGONG & YOGA WITH WINNIE 10 AM REGISTRATION REQUIRED	Stories & STEAM Registration Required. 11 AM	Bookworms Ages 5 to 8 3:30 p.m.	Library Open 3 - 6 PM	Therapy Dogs 1 pm. Visit with Sven!
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Limited space - \$10 prepaid fee and registration required.

QIGONG & GENTLE CHAIR YOGA WITH WINNIE
 Starts Tues., March 12th
WEEKLY REGISTRATION REQUIRED

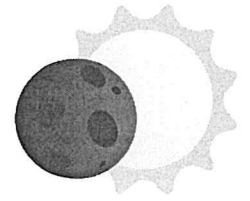
NAHEC Northern Area Health Education Center
 Exploring Health Careers
 Join us on Thursday, March 7th.
 5:30 PM
 Adults & Teens

VR Headset Activity!
 Therapy Dogs
 1 pm.
 Visit with Sven!



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Solar Eclipse 2024 Schedule



64 Elm Street Malone, NY 12953 | (518) 483-5251 | Requests@weadlibrary.com

March 5th | 5 p.m.

Raven Steals the Sun: Native American Eclipse Stories

Presented by Perry Ground – Master Storyteller

Native American Tribes across North America have stories to explain these solar events and view them in many different ways – as a signal or a transformation, as omens, as sacred, and as a celebration.

March 13 | 4 p.m.

Teen Event: Escape Room - For Teens ages 13 to 18.

Calling all TEENS! Have you ever wanted to test your knowledge and skills in an escape room? Now's your chance! Teens are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 13th for snacks & adventure. You'll work together to solve puzzles and escape the room before the clock runs out!

Registration is required for this event.

Register by calling the Wead Library at (518) 483-5251.

March 15th | 5 p.m.

Solar Eclipse Cloud Observation - Adults

Join us to understand why scientists are studying clouds and how YOU can help by collecting data using the GLOBE Observer app! GLOBE Clouds is an app-based tool that will help you document what you see in the sky.

March 21 | 3:30 p.m.

Space Book Worms – Ages 5-9

Celebrate the upcoming 2024 Total Solar Eclipse with the library! Get free solar eclipse glasses, learn about the solar eclipse, and explore outer space through books and activities.

A limited number of American Astronomical Society approved solar eclipse viewing glasses will be available to Wead Library Solar Eclipse event attendees beginning Tuesday, March 5. To receive solar eclipse viewing glasses, attend an event from the Library's Solar Eclipse Schedule.

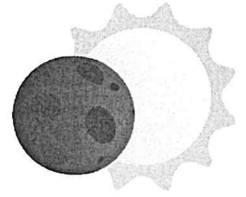
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March 23 | 10 a.m. - Noon

The Sun and the Moon Story Time: Totality!

Join us at the Community Center in Owls Head, NY for the Solar Eclipse Celebration. Stop by our booth for The Sun and the Moon Story Time: Totality!, crafts, and solar eclipse safe viewing information for children ages 12 and under.

March 27 | 5 - 7 p.m.

Solar Eclipse Acrylic Painting

Artist Cindy Gadway will guide you through painting your very own solar eclipse-themed painting! Supplies are provided. There is a fee of \$10 per person that must be paid for in advance.

Seating is limited to 20. Refreshments and snacks provided.

In-person registration is required for this event. Register by visiting the circulation desk at the Wead Library.

April 1 | 4:30 p.m.

Children Safety and Info Session – Children 12 & Under

Join us for a presentation about safe viewing practices for the upcoming solar eclipse! After, test your knowledge with an activity.

April 2 | 11 a.m.

Space Story Hour –Toddler Time

Join us to understand why scientists are studying clouds and how YOU can help by collecting data using the GLOBE Observer app! GLOBE Clouds is an app-based tool that will help you document what you see in the sky.

April 2 | 4:30 p.m.

Out of this World Keychains - Ages 9-12

Calling all TWEENS! Create your own solar system-themed perler bead keychain using the patterns provided—or your imagination! Supplies are provided.

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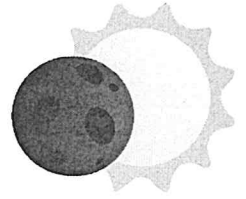
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April 3 | 3:30 p.m.

Space LEGO Club

Join us for a special space-themed LEGO Club. Use your imagination to build out-of-this-world creations!

April 4 | 11 a.m.

Space Story Hour – Preschool

Learn about the science of eclipses with spectacular stories about the sun and moon and an eclipse-themed craft at the end.

April 4 | 5 p.m.

Info Session for Teens & Adults

Join us for a presentation about safe viewing practices for the upcoming solar eclipse! After, test your knowledge with an activity.

April 5 | 5 p.m.

Space Story Hour Evening

Learn about the science of eclipses with spectacular stories about the sun and moon and an eclipse-themed craft at the end.

April 6 | 12 p.m.

Solar System Film

The Wonderful: Stories from the Space Station (2021)

In this documentary, astronauts share in their own words their experiences in the International Space Station. Not rated.

April 8 | 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party!

Prepare for the eclipse with a short, information session on safe viewing. Then, take your glasses outside to view the eclipse (weather permitting). Peak viewing time will be between 3:20 and 3:30 p.m. A craft will also be available while supplies last.

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Part-time Librarian I Report
February 2024

I have spent most of Part-time Librarian I hours continuing to enter metadata for Franklin Academy yearbooks, *The Student*. There are only nine yearbooks left in this project that need the summaries entered into the description fields.

To prepare for days in which Chelsie is not available to run a Story Hour program, I have been designing substitute plans. The goal is to have a few fully outlined Story Hours with all books, songs, rhymes, crafts, and materials ready to go for a staff member to lead a Story Hour at the last minute. The plans will also be flexible to deliver the program to children of varying ages, since our current Story Hour programs reach children from birth to age 8, depending on the program.

Other recent projects have included weeding some adult nonfiction and assessing some book donations for inclusion in our adult fiction collection.

The library also recently received resources from NASA's GLOBE Observer program for the upcoming solar eclipse. Some of these materials will be used for upcoming solar eclipse programs at the library. We received large quantities of some of these materials in Spanish. I reached out to a Spanish teacher at Franklin Academy to check if these could be of use to any classes. I sent over 95 GLOBE Sky Window sheets and 10 science storybooks. I am glad we could connect with the high school to share these important resources.

Thank you,
Karlee Martin