

Library Report 9/18/2023

Another busy library summer is in the books (no pun intended). Previous programs have been evaluated by staff, tweaked, and a full Fall schedule will commence.

The library has added two new part-time employees to the roster. Bethany Perry and Kim Smythe both started in August and are in the process of learning the library page duties. They will be filling day and night hours left by Jayden Dabiew who began college at SUNY Plattsburgh mid-August. Jayden will remain employed as a substitute and plans to fill in when needed while home on breaks. As of Sept 5th, in addition to her clerk job, Karlee Martin will be working a few hours a week as a part-time librarian. She already has a few collection management projects in mind.

The Park Street door continues to be unusable due to the lock sticking and the door swelling from the rainy weather. Quotes from Ward Lumber and Superior glass have been obtained to replace it, but a contractor will first see if it can be salvaged with a little maintenance. River's Edge Construction will fit this project in between jobs.

Cornerstone did not respond to the request to discuss air conditioning on the 3rd floor. Instead, a portable floor unit was purchased. Along with a few fans, this cooled the room sufficiently enough for the 3rd floor to be usable this summer. Next year a second portable floor unit could be considered if needed.

Leroy's Property Management has been contacted for a quote to do Fall cleanup and pruning. It has been a few years since the landscaping has had full maintenance. The library is presently awaiting confirmation that Cleansweep will continue to trim the hedges. A message was left for Seven C's Masonry asking for an update on the schedule to repair the remaining section of the front wall. The sporadic weather continues to push dates back.

Employees are looking forward to a September 20th HERE'S THE SCOOP Patron Appreciation Event. Employees will be serving free "make your own sundaes" from 4:30-6:30pm. Ice cream and toppings will be purchased from Bokie's Drive In. There will also be information given out on library programs, calendars, cards, kits, ect. Malone Central School band students have been invited to come individually or in groups to play instruments. Library staff will also be reading children's stories. Weather dependent, the location will be at the gazebo, otherwise it will be inside on the 3rd floor. The event coincides with September being Library Card Sign-Up month.

Respectfully,
Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk

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Over the summer, I participated in multiple webinars. I attended the program “AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities”, AI is becoming more and more accessible which has made it incredibly important for libraries to consider how we can engage and educate our communities on how they can use AI for their benefit.

I also attended the “GLOBE Eclipse Libraries Webinar.” In the spring, I applied to receive a GLOBE Observer Eclipse Library Kit. We were selected as one of the recipients and we received a kit which included: GLOBE Observer Eclipse Card, GLOBE Sky Window, Do You Know that Clouds Have Names? storybook, an Air temperature thermometer, and an infrared thermometer. This kit will be used in multiple events leading up to the April 2024 total solar eclipse. Two local organizations have reached out to partner with us for events surrounding the solar eclipse. I hope to put on one or two programs at the Owls Head Mountain View Community Center.

I have spent the majority of August prepping for the Community Conversation (9/13), Fall Story Hour, and Fall Stories & STEAM. It has been challenging to prepare with the very busy summer we have had. Due to other programming conflicts, Stories & STEAM will no longer be a weekly program. The schedule for Stories & STEAM will be released as soon as other program dates are confirmed. Story Hour will again be most Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and an evening program one Friday a month at 5 p.m.

In an attempt to appeal to more community members, We have decided to schedule LEGO Club once a month on a weekday. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 27th from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Movie Matinees will be on pause for a while longer. We will be exploring opportunities to include movies in other programming. My Tween “Branch Out Book Club” will begin on Thursday, September 21st at 3 p.m. The new format of this book club will encourage readers to read books with a different theme each month. September’s meeting will feature Hispanic authors in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Towards the end of July, I found out that I was selected as the recipient of the first time NYLA attendee Administrators scholarship from the Library & Leadership Management Section (LAMS) of the New York Library

Association (NYLA). This scholarship will allow me to attend the November 2024 NYLA Conference with little out of pocket costs. I appreciate Anne de la Chapelle sharing this scholarship opportunity with the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know!
Chelsie Russo

	2022	2023
TOTAL number of children who recorded by minutes:	23	15
Total Minutes	9,640	4,440

Children's Program Sessions	22	9
Total Children's Attendance	416	303

TOTAL number of teens who recorded by minutes:	4	8
Total minutes read (teens):	4800	5,692

number of teens who recorded by minutes on BEANSTACK		7
number of teens who recorded by minutes on PAPER		1

Young Adult Program Sessions		3
Total Young Adult Attendance		30

TOTAL number of adults who recorded by minutes:	28	20
Total minutes read (adults):	16,800	22,712

number of adults who recorded by minutes on BEANSTACK		14
number of adults who recorded by minutes on PAPER		6

Adult Program Sessions	1	1
Total Adult Attendance	26	26

WEAD LIBRARY

Tween Branch Out Book Club

by reading books that allow us to look through windows into others' lives, see reflections in mirrors, and step through sliding doors into others' experiences.

September



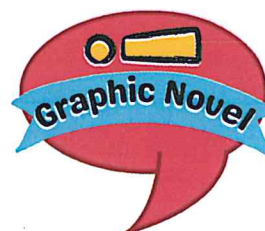
October



November



December



Fall 2023 schedule!
Children (Ages 9 - 12)

Thursdays at 3 PM

September 21st
October 26th

November 16th
December 7th

January



February



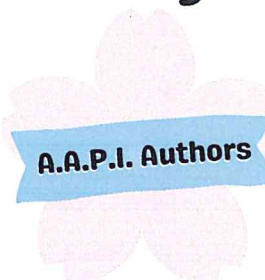
March



April



May



HOW TO PARTICIPATE :

1. Read a book that meets the monthly challenge criteria.
2. Attend our monthly book club meeting.

Read | Snack | Chat | Craft | Repeat

The Winter/Spring schedule will be released in early January.