Wead Library Report

September 2026

Programming

Date	Program	Attendance	Facilitator
9/1	Knitting Club	3	Marian
9/5	Knitting Club	5	Betsy
9/12	Back to School Storytime	3	Amanda
9/15	Mahjong	4	Tina Daniels
9/15	Garden Thyme	25	Laura Trudell – Cornell Ext.
9/16	LEGO Club	20	Kimmer
9/19	Book Club – Glass Castle	13	Zeallah
9/24	Author Visit - Carol Hoeing	23	Betsy & Beth
9/25	Mahjong	4	Tina Daniels
9/29	Mahjong	4	Tina Daniels

Total Attendance: 104

Fall Used Book Sale

Planning began for the fall used book sale that will take place October 2nd through October 10th. The library accepted used book donations through September. Fifteen volunteers from area high school and middle schools assisted in setting up the sale on Saturday, 9/26.

Correspondence

Malone Telegram, 9/11/26, "Local photographer is new library feature artist." Article by Richard Rosentreter featuring current Homegrown Art artist, Maueve Jock.

Received a thank you card and donation from Karen King, the previous Homegrown Art artist, for showcasing her work.

Received from the Adirondack Community Foundation and Trust for Civic Life Fund a $5,000 grant to support the library's role as civic hub. Staff are still determining the best use for the funds.

Facility and Technology

Ordered aluminum door for Park St. entrance. 10-12 week lead time.

Website Redesign: Received access to test website from Its Simple to begin fine tuning page layouts and menus, and adding copy for the final website.



Staffing

No staffing updates.

Director's Report

Overview:

September continued to be full of meetings and introductions as I familiarize myself with library operations and the Malone community. While reviewing our Commercial Insurance Policy with Dottie Dumas from King-Clark Insurance, we noted the need for updates to the evaluation schedule for unique items in the library's possession such as the Hamilton Desk in the Community Room and the two original art pieces currently in storage.

I had an enjoyable and productive time meeting with the Malone Rotary Club members to introduce myself and give them updates on programs and events at the library. Similarly, I met with the new executive director of the Frankling County Historical & Museum Society. We are excited for the opportunity to plan joint programming in the future and explore ways we can support our organizations and provide historical education to our community.

The highlight of the month for me was leading two programs for young people. The first was a Back-to-School Family Storytime on Saturday, 9/12. While only one family attended, it was a first step in re-establishing regular children's and family programs. I also lead a group of fifteen high school and middle school volunteers on Saturday, 9/26 in setting up for the Fall Used Book Sale. I took the opportunity to inquire what kinds of programs and services the teens would like to see the library offer and hope to implement some of the suggestions soon.

Meetings and Training:

9/2: Met with Dottie Dumas at King-Clark Insurance to review our Commercial Policy renewal contract.

9/3: Attended the Malone Rotary Club monthly meeting at the Malone Country Club to introduce myself and let the members know about upcoming events at the library.

9/4: Library Board of Trustees Meeting

9/8: Met with Troy Hackett at National Business Technologies to discuss our account and outstanding issues with our printing services.



9/9: Virtual CEFLS Director meeting with Steve Kenworthy and CEFLS members.

9/10: Construction Update Meeting led by Bernie Brown to receive updates on the completion of the roof replacement work and the upcoming start to the window repair and replacement project.

9/14: Planning meeting with Board President Lucille Poirier.

9/17: Attended the workshop "Red Flag! Identifying Preservation Needs While Working with Collections" presented by the Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services for New York and the Northern New York Library Network.

9/18: Met with Jennifer Carpentier, executive director of the Frankling County Historical & Museum Society to discuss future collaborations and partnerships.

9/21: Library Board of Trustees Meeting

9/22: Website Redesign meeting with Anass Bouayadi from IT'S Simple, Mary McDonald and Darlene Fanus.

9/25: CEF Director's Association Virtual Meeting

9/28 & 9/30: All staff meetings to update library staff.

9/28: Met with Brett Mueller and Dave Mueller. Discussed quotes for replacing aging printers and possible printing management software solutions.

9/29: Met with Jared Stark at Symquest to get updates on outstanding computer issues.



Wead Library
October 2026

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requests@weadlibrary.com
Mon • Tues • Fri 10-6
Weds • Thur 10-7, Sat 10-3

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Library Crawl Begins	2 BOOK SALE	3 BOOK SALE Knitting 11am
4 CLOSED	5 BOOK SALE	6 BOOK SALE	7 BOOK SALE	8 BOOK SALE	9 BOOK SALE	10 BOOK SALE
11 CLOSED	12 Closed for Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 Garden Thyme 5-6pm	14	15	16 Library Board Meeting 5:00pm All are welcome	17 BOOK CLUB 11:00AM Anyone 18+ welcome
18 CLOSED	19 Voter Registration Drive 10am-2pm	20 Knitting 3pm	21 LEGO CLUB 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	22 Kids Tree ID Workshop 3:30-4:30		
25 CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Fest with Miss Amanda 3:30-5:00	31 Library Crawl Ends Passports due 11/6 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Geared toward children 6+
Children under 12 must have caregiver in building.

LEGO CLUB
Wednesday, 21st
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Contact Info for Garden Thyme:
Laura Trudell
ljt92@cornell.edu
(518) 483-7304

Outlook

FW: Adirondack Community Foundation award!

From Requests <requests@weadlibrary.com>
Date Wed 9/23/2026 2:29 PM
To Amanda Margis <director@weadlibrary.com>

Wead Library
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From: Leslee Mounger <leslee@adkcommunityfoundation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 5:01 PM
To: Requests <requests@weadlibrary.com>
Cc: Jennifer Russell <jennifer@adkcommunityfoundation.org>
Subject: Adirondack Community Foundation award!

Dear Mary,

We are excited to share that your library has been selected to receive a $5,000 grant award in partnership with the Trust for Civic Life in recognition of the vital role you play in strengthening the community.

Why Your Library Was Selected
In rural communities across our region, public libraries do far more than lend books—you serve as vital civic hubs. You create welcoming spaces where neighbors connect, access essential digital resources, learn new skills, and tackle local challenges together. We recommended your library for this funding in recognition of the essential role you play in building a stronger, more connected community.

Grant Expectations
This funding is intended to flexibly support and amplify your library's role as a civic hub without rigid restrictions. You are encouraged to apply these funds toward activities, programming, or infrastructure that foster social connection across generations, encourage active civic participation, and address local community needs. Whether you use the grant to expand digital access, host intergenerational workshops, or launch collaborative community projects, the primary goal is for the funding to help bring neighbors together and empower local problem-solving.

Reporting & Next Steps
There is no formal written report required for this grant. However, we are eager to hear about the impact of your work! In about 6 to 8 months, we will reach out to schedule a light follow-up, either via a quick email update or a brief, informal phone chat, to learn more about your grant-funded activities and the stories coming out of your library.

You'll receive a few emails from our system as we process this grant award. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for everything you do to strengthen and connect our communities!
Leslee, Jennifer and the ACF Team

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September 23, 2026

Mr. Brandon Pelkey
Malone Central School District
42 Huskie Lane
Malone, NY 12953

Dear Superintendent Pelkey,

Adirondack Community Foundation **(ACF)** has awarded Malone Central School District a grant from Trust for Civic Life Fund in the amount of $5,000.00 to be directed to the Wead Library for support of the library's role as a vital civic hub, fostering social connection, community participation, and local problem-solving, in partnership with the Trust for Civic Life.

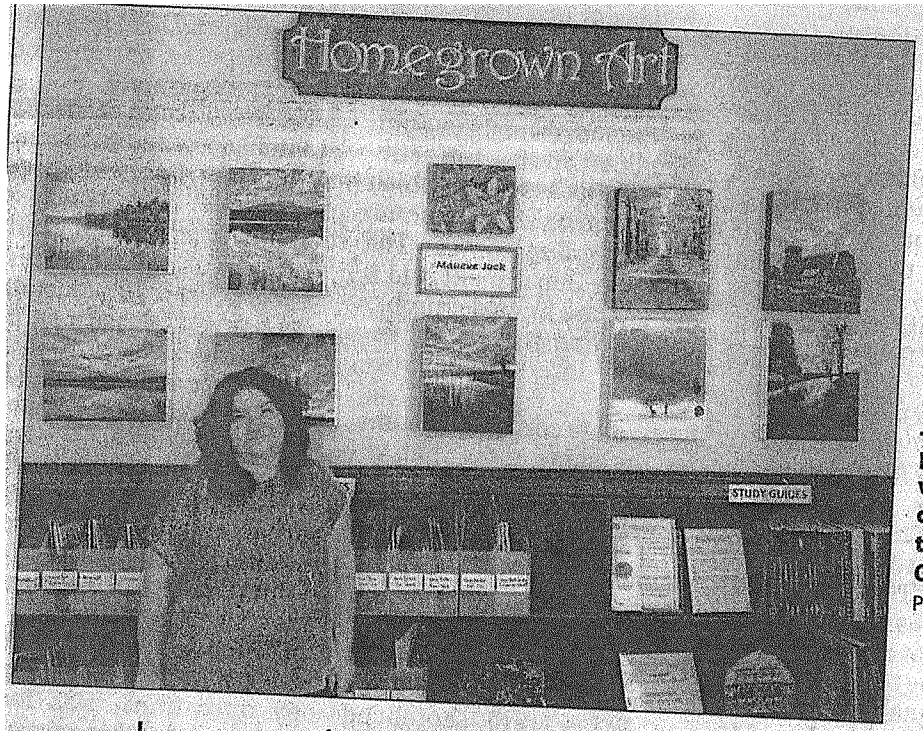
For publication purposes, please list the grant as follows:
Trust for Civic Life Fund at Adirondack Community Foundation

By accepting and endorsing this grant check, your organization certifies to ACF that no individual will receive tangible benefits, goods or services. Funds are to be used solely for the stated charitable purpose, any unused funds will be returned to the Foundation, and adequate expenditure records must be kept.

Through over 350 funds, Adirondack Community Foundation leverages charitable giving today, tomorrow, and always to make life better for those who live and work in the Adirondack region. It's an honor to support your good work and we wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Cali Brooks, President and CEO



The current artist whose work is on display on the Wead Library's Homegrown Art wall is Maueve Jock and her photography will be on display now through October.
Provided photo

Local photographer is new library featured artist

By RICHARD ROSENTRETER
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MALONE – There's a new artist being featured on the Wead Library's Homegrown Art wall, which is geared to promote artists in the area, and the latest artist is a local photographer from Bombay.

The library's art wall has been a feature since first artist appearing in April 2025, and was the idea of library staffer Sharon Carey, who wanted to create an art wall to feature local artists and provide them an opportunity to have their talents recognized.

The current artist whose

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Library

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work is on display is Maueve Jock and her photography will be on display now through October.

According to Carey, Jock is a frequent library patron and while visiting it she has often gifted the staff with some of her lovely note cards with her photographs on the cover.

"We were so impressed with her work that we asked Maueve if she would like to exhibit on our Homegrown Art Wall," Carey said. "Lucky for us, she agreed, and this is her first actual art exhibit although she has participated in many craft shows in the area over the years.

"When you see her work, you will notice that Maueve is exceptional at 'seizing the moment.' Not only are her photographs beautifully composed, but they also often capture a very special moment in time," Carey said, adding that Maueve especially loves the St. Lawrence River area and also Fish Creek and Barnum Pond in Franklin County. We are very pleased to host Maueve Jock's first exhibit at our Wead Library."

About the photographer

The library provided the Telegram with a profile of the latest artist to be featured on its wall.

Jock was born in the Brushton/Moira area, now lives with her husband and daughter in Bombay, and photography was her hobby, according to the library.

She went back to school as an adult student and while attending North Country Community College, she took a photography class and started taking her hobby a little more seriously, beginning in the dark room and eventually advanced to digital photography.

Most of her photographs are landscapes taken all over the North Country. When something catches her eye, Jock said she immediately stops what she is doing - even while driving, she will pull over and get that shot. She said some of her favorite photos have been taken this way, as she said she always takes the time to seize the moment.

Jock is also the chaplain at the Fort Covington American Legion, where she often uses her hand-crafted cards to send out special messages and sympathy notes. She also belongs to the "Upstate NY Pictures" Facebook Group and one of her photos received more than 18,000 likes.

According to Jock, she appreciates the positive feedback regarding her photography.

"I am always touched when people give me favorable comments," she said.

Oil Bids 2026-2027 Season
UPDATED 10/9/26

2019-2020 4,793.4 gallons $2.359 fixed MX Fuels $11,181.08 (closed March-June covid)
2020-2021 4816.8 gallons $1.639 fixed MX Fuels $7,894.74 (J Poirier priced)
2021-2022 4486.6 gallons $3.1602 ave fluct Ad Energy $14,291.55
2022-2023 4003.2 gallons $3.5415 ave fluct Ad Energy $13,869.08
2023-2024 3744.5 gallons $3.1023 ave fluct Ad Energy $11,633.24
2024-2025 4036.6 gallons $2.7141 ave fluct Ad Energy $11,040.56 Switched to kerosene

Last Season 2025-2026

Supplier: Adirondack Energy
Price: Fluctuating Albany terminal price +$.38
+ additional $.29 for switch to kerosene
Average price/gallon: $3.8100
Gallons used: 4666.5
Total Cost: $16,932.73

Note: Switched **to kerosene because fuel freezing temp changed due to gov't** regulations.

Bid requests were sent to:

Harris Oil
Matthews Garage & Oil
Adirondack Energy
Suburban Propane
Arnold Oil
MJ Leroux Oil
MX Fuels

Bids received:

Adirondack Energy – Fluctuating Price, posted price at terminal +$.38
Price on 9/10/2026 would be 5.385 per gallon.

MX Fuels – Ceiling price of $4.499 per gallon.
Noted on bid commercial fluctuating rate on 9/14/2026 was $5.399 per gallon. Unqualified bid. MX Fuels assumed rate was for Fuel Oil and Kerosene as was stated in the bid letter.

Suburban Propane – Ceiling price of $5.5910 per gallon.
Bid Rescinded on 9/28/26 via email.

Comments:

Question	Comments
1a Things going well	• Repairs to the building • Staff is professional and caring • We have a great group of women! • Book club attendance is growing, which enriches community members' lives • Weeding non-friction. We are clearing out books that haven't circulated. • Positive changes Amanda is making to improve our library 😊. • Staff • Homegrown Art Wall. • The new roof will ensure a safer environment for everyone. • Commitment to serving the community, you can feel it every time you walk in! • Hire of new director and desk clerk. • Ideas are flowing
1b Things going well	• More complete staffing • Our information is up to date • We are getting a lot of great programs • The entire team is professional and caring toward patrons. • Making positive changes with staff input and agency. • Open door policy • Well • trained, pleasant and helpful staff. • The addition of the air conditioner/heater in fiction room was "fabulous". • Want to give a special shut out to Zeallah at the circulation desk – so kind and helpful! • Roof project completed, now on to the windows. • Finally enough staff to start catching up on updating/organizing and get to bigger projects that had to be put on hold.
2a Things to change to improve functioniing	• Internal improvements (carpets, updating furniture, etc.) • We need a full time children's librarian. This may bring in entire families and help build a base for future readers. Our community is needy and any free events families can attend will support our mission and their well-being • We need some improvements in the library: something on the Park Street door that notifies us that someone came into that door. It is so easy to come in and go downstairs without anyone being aware. We had some teenagers do that last year and they were in the series room. We have no cameras in the series room! • At least monthly have a staff meeting. Weekly would be even better. • All staff being on the same page – "pun ." 😊 • Job descriptions and duties • Doesn't affect function, but library building is shabby – carpets need cleaniina and lots need fresh paint. • Inclusion of all employees for holiday pay. • Would love to see a more robust story time for toddlers. • Hope to see more programs for teens. • Working out the kinks of who is doing what tasks.
2b Things to change to	• Modernizing some of our systems • Safety: more cameras, chimes on back door to be fixed, more mirrors, evaluation of closing for bad weather on non-school days (Saturdays and school vacations) and when to cancel after school activities. Drills for fires, violent patrons, homeless people, intruders.

improve functioniing	• I know we are a place where they can come to warm up. But they take up both the compute room and the Bio room. We have had some patrons complain that there is no "quiet space" to sit. Maybe we could have a designated space for them and keep another space designated for "quiet space". • Having another full-time person like a librarian would be nice. Having mostly part-time staff contributes to the incoheasiveness. • Continue weeding, so patrons can browse books more easily. • Schedules and breaks, leave time, etc. • More events involving local history. A suggestion box for desired books. • Scheduling of outside programs – shouldn't start at 6 pm. • At the other end of the childhood spectrum – some programming for teens. • Safety issue: wondering if the roof should have a few more "ice/snow brackets" near the Park St. entrance. The large ice chunks drop around the sidewalk and door in winter months.
5 Staffing level	• Staffing has improved with hiring a full time director and full time clerk • Staffing is just right with the addition of two full time people • The staffing is okay, but that said: the pages are doing more than their job description. If you ask them, they are ok to help wherever, but it is a fact that they are doing more than "page tasks". • Staffing is about right most of the time, but Fridays are overstaffed and Saturdays are understaffed. This changes week to week depending on days off and is an overgeneralization. • I think it is well staffed. • Just about right but a bit overstaffed at times. • Seems fine with Zeallah and Amanda on board. • We will be short-handed during winter hours, but if the board approved the existing staff to absorb those extra hours within the parameters we will need, then I don't think additional people need to be hired. • Still slightly understaffed, but it has improved from before, from my perspective at least. • Just about right • Just about right now (minus the Librarian). We will face a shortage this winter as one part-time employee will e gone for winter months. Another PT employee asked to cut hours temporarily. There are employees who would like more hours so that way mostly make up the shifts.

Question	6	8	9	10
3 Staff cohesion	1 (see comment below)	2 (see comment below)	1	7
4 Public perception		3	3	5

Comment for 6 rating: "Right now a 6 because of all the changes, but we all share the same boals. I think we no all on the same page about how to move forward. It will take time.

Comment for one 8 rating for Q. 3: "We provide more resources than people can wrap their minds around, which is awesome. However, patrons are unaware of what available.