

Wead Library Report 5/12/2025

The Wead Library's annual meeting and budget vote took place May 6, 2025. 115 total ballots were cast. The 2025-2026 budget passed with 106 ballots cast in favor and 9 opposed. 3 ballots were blank or spoiled. Lucille Poirier was elected to a 5 year term on the Board of Trustees with 109 votes. There were 6 blank or spoiled ballots. As always, we are very appreciative of our volunteers L Marshall, B Winthrop-Benware, P Robarge and S Spaulding.

May 1st opened our book sale donation month. We will continue to inspect and take 2 boxes of donations at a time from members of the public until we reach capacity. We have already received a large amount of nice book donations. The book sale is scheduled for June 6-14th with set-up being Saturday, May 31st at 10am. The library does not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS/cassette tapes or anything dusty, dirty or moldy.

Opportunities to collaborate with other businesses and agencies are always welcomed. For the third time, the library will be assisting the NY State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities with their community outreach to recruit direct support professionals. This is done through All Points Media who will set up a banner at the library May 19th - June 30th. Weather permitting, C Russo and T Henderson will be running a Wead Library information table at the Mental Health Community Event to be held in Arsenal Green on May 15th from 3 - 6pm. The event is organized by the Franklin County System of Care, Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition and Community Connections of Franklin County. The event is made possible by funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Malone Central Schools reached out to see if the library was interested in hosting the Summer Feeding Program again this year. I told them we look forward to working with them.

The library was also contacted by Peter Kaye, Senior Regional Public Affairs Manager for KLOVE and Air1 radio stations. They ran a free public service announcement (PSA) for the library last year. The PSA will air again May 18-31 and Nov 2-15 on 94.7 KLove and 96.5 Air1 stations. We discussed a possible *Closer Look Interview* to be produced and air in the Fall.

Cornerstone cleaned and tuned the air conditioning units on May 5th so we are ready for the anticipated warmer weather. At this time, both units are still working.

Respectfully,

Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk

Librarian Report

May 12, 2025

The Wead Library's NewsBank subscription is now live. It can be found at WeadLibrary.com in two different locations. If you scroll down on the homepage, it is listed under "local news," it can also be found under the "research" tab by selecting "local resources & more." Now covered under the subscription is the image edition of the Malone Telegram. Before ending our NewsBank subscription last year, the number one comment I heard from patrons was that they did not like the text edition of the Malone Telegram. It was difficult to navigate and rarely included the pictures from the print edition.

North Country Public Radio will be conducting interviews at the Wead Library on June 4th from 3-6:45 PM. They are looking to speak to younger workers (20s-40s) about what they do, how they got into it, the highlights and the challenges of their profession.

I am excited for the 3rd annual plant swap! It will be held on Friday, June 6th at 4 PM. Marian M., Laura Trudell, and the Garden Thyme group completed much of the preparation for the event. Marian and I are discussing possible door prizes.

Teen and children's events have continued to go well.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chelsie Russo