

Wead Library

64 Elm Street
Malone, NY 12953

Agenda March 17, 2025

To: Members of the Board of Trustees

Subject: The following is the expected agenda for the March 17th meeting of the Wead Library's Board of Trustees, which will be held that Monday on the main floor of the library.

Call to Order

Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings – February 24, 2025

Treasurer's Reports – January 2025, February 2025

Action on Bills – February 2025

Communications – Thank you letters sent to book sale volunteers

Library Report - March 2025

Librarian Report - March 2025

Old Business – Trustee Training Sharing Session
 Roof/Window Project
 Budget Vote / Annual Meeting

New Business – 2025 - 2026 Budget
 2024 Annual Report

Anticipated Executive Session - for the purpose of discussing personnel relating to matters of appointment, promotion and job descriptions

Date for Next Board Meeting – Monday, April 28, 2025 Budget Informational Meeting

Adjournment

Wead Library Report 3/17/2025

The Qigong and Gentle Movement classes are set to return on April 1st and will run most Tuesday mornings from 10-11am through May 20th. Certified instructor W. McQuinn is excited to be returning. The library is grateful for her donation of time and expertise which enables the library the opportunity to offer this program to the community.

Staff member S. Carey is putting the finishing touches on the application and procedures for the Homegrown Art Program which allows local artists to have work exhibited on a rotating basis in the computer room. C. Russo plans to reach out to the Franklin Academy art department to offer students a slot on the calendar.

The Wead Library is one of many CEFLS libraries participating in a free diaper initiative. ADK Diaper Bank is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that collects and distributes diapers to families in New York's North Country. Adirondack Foundation saw an opportunity for distribution based on the CEFLS personal care kits project. Adirondack Foundation connected the two and awarded CEFLS a small grant to enable diaper delivery to participating libraries. CEFLS plans to deliver the first supply of diapers this week. They will be available to any family on a first come first served basis while supplies last. We expect the diapers to go quickly based on our Personal Care Pantry use. More diapers will be supplied by ADK Diaper Bank through CEFLS when available. ADK Diaper Bank will be sending out a press release listing all of the library locations.

Superior Glass has measured the main ramp door crash bar for a replacement. There is still no definitive time frame for the replacement. A second call was put into Ice Time in Lake Placid for an updated quote on a heat pump split system. There has been no response yet.

*Respectfully,
Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk*

Librarian Report
March 17, 2025

I met with Holly Scott to discuss an upcoming event. Holly has generously volunteered her time to make an idea of mine come to fruition. On May 8th at 5:30 p.m., the Wead Library will be hosting an obituary writing workshop. This event will require registration with a limited number of spots.

On March 12th, I attended two back-to-back webinars hosted by *Booklist* and the American Library Association. "The Readers' Advisory Conversation," with librarians Michelle Morris and Sheila Michaels, and "Swoons and Screams," with librarians Robin Bradford, Alex Brown, and Becky Spratford. "Swoons and Screams" covered the popular genres of horror and romance for teens and adults.

I had a great first visit to the Farrar Home. I was able to meet with 12 residents. In preparation for the visit, I purchased several new large print books. Most of the residents limit themselves to one book per visit, which resulted in some very difficult decisions! I am excited to visit again at the end of March.

The juvenile Wonderbooks have been very popular. Both I and other staff members have received requests for more! Although I hope to build up the collection, this has been an opportunity to promote inter-library loans. Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (CEFLS) and other member libraries have collections of their own which is really helpful.

B. Brabon and M. McGarvey are hosting a follow up "Learn to Crochet" event on Saturday, April 5th. As this is part two, to the first session, registration is open to the previous attendees, and the remaining slots will be advertised.

Story Hour and Stories & STEAM have been going well.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Chelsie Russo