

Hamburg Public Library

Report to the Community

2016

Last year was an exciting and active year at our two libraries, the Hamburg Public Library and the Lake Shore Public Library as we worked to fulfill our mission, "Connecting our diverse community with library resources that enrich, enlighten and entertain."

Our output measures describe our basic activities:

- 257,917 books, movies, musical recordings and other library materials were borrowed last year.
- 170,241 visits to our libraries.
- 12,518 reference questions were asked and answered.
- 17,151 people in Hamburg have library cards.
- 26,217 visits were made to the library website.
- 24,962 computer sessions at both libraries.
- 34,067 wireless computer sessions at both libraries.

The Hamburg Public Library is open 55 hours per week and the Lake Shore Public Library is open 32 hours per week and we try hard to make the library available when people need it.

Both library buildings had major improvements last year. The main doors of the Hamburg library were replaced. An attractive Retaining Wall was installed near the library entrance. The roof and skylights were replaced at Lake Shore. This project was then expanded to replace the carpet and repaint the library interior. We made the library more attractive and gave it an updated appearance. Funds from the New York State Library Construction Grant provided \$48,582 for the Lake Shore Library improvements and we received much support from the Town of Hamburg for these projects.

We received another New York State Library Construction Grant to repave the Hamburg Public Library parking lot and widen the entrance on Union Street. This work will be done in Spring, 2017. The Secret Garden, sponsored by NY Assemblyman Sean Ryan, will be installed at the Hamburg Public Library during Spring, 2017. When the Secret

Garden is established, we will have finished the multi-year project of expanding the Hamburg Public Library.

Throughout the year, both libraries presented many interesting programs for our patrons of all ages and walks of life. Unusual programs included a concert by the Hamburg Classical Guitar Quartet, a travelogue "Trip to the Holy Land," our Battle of the Books team for young readers and Community Sewing Days working with artist Amanda Browder for her piece of public art that was sponsored by the Albright Knox Art Gallery. Throughout the year, we conduct three monthly book discussion groups, several weekly story hours for boys and girls, film programs, computer classes and a variety of special programs throughout the year. We are always trying to offer something interesting for everybody to attend.

In addition to these statistics about library use, we aspire to the Core Values of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library system: Respect, Integrity, Helpfulness, Teamwork, Dependability and Excellence. Whether we are answering your questions, suggesting a good book, presenting a program, providing an excellent internet database, or just offering a friendly smile, we are always trying to use our library staff and resources to make our community a better place.

I am grateful for the support of the Town of Hamburg, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, the library staff and Trustees and for our many library patrons who keep our libraries as lively and exciting places.



Staff members of the Hamburg and Lake Shore Public Libraries

Our Library Trustees are: Jack Connors, President; Karen Kaczmarek, Vice President; Marianne Chiumento, Secretary; Anita Metzger, Treasurer and Robert Kaiser.

Visit our libraries today!

Hamburg Public Library

102 Buffalo Street

Hamburg, New York 14075

716 649-4415

www.buffalolib.org

Monday 10am -9 pm

Tuesday 1 pm – 9 pm

Wednesday 9 am – 5 pm

Thursday 1 pm – 9 pm

Friday 9 am - 9 pm

Saturday 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday 12 – 5 pm (during school year)

Lake Shore Public Library

4857 Lake Shore Road

Hamburg, New York 14075

627-3017

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Monday 2 – 8 pm

Tuesday 12 – 8 pm

Wednesday closed

Thursday 10 am – 6 pm

Friday 1 – 5 pm

Saturday 11 am – 5 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Edson, Director

