

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, January 11 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Lake Shore Library

Letters to Legislator

Throughout the month of November, both libraries had tables set up where patrons could sign a letter to Erie County Legislator John Gilmour in support of the library budget.

Red Cross Blood Drives

Blood drives by the American Red Cross were held at both locations. Village ENGAGED, a newly formed volunteer organization, assisted in promoting the drive at the Hamburg Library on Monday, November 28.

Scavenger Hunts

Hamburg Library

The Hamburg Library continues to offer a new scavenger hunt each month. In November we offered a scavenger hunt for cats in the Children's Area, with 273 participants. In December, children searched for parts of a snowman, and 318 participated.

Lake Shore Branch

November's scavenger hunt was in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Children found national tribal symbols around the library to win a prize with 45 participating. December's was a Holiday Symbol scavenger hunt where children found Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa symbols around the library to win a winter-themed prize with 60 participating.

Visits by Therapy Dogs

Both Phoebe and Myrra made visits to the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries respectively to the enjoyment of children and adults!

Both libraries promoted two events sponsored in part by Assemblymember Jon Rivera: a Holiday Toy Drive and Winter Clothing Drive.

Advocacy

On December 9 Vice President Cate Lee and Director Hoth attended an advocacy meeting with State Senator Patrick Gallivan held at the West Seneca Public Library. Also in attendance were several other library directors including System Director John Spears. The meeting was productive and Senator Gallivan was receptive.

On December 15 Director Hoth and Lackawanna Public Library Director Chelsey Lonberger met with Assemblymember Jonathon Rivera to discuss the need to increase the state budget in the areas of library aid and construction aid. We spoke about the importance of increased construction aid as our buildings are aging and construction costs have increased in the wake of the pandemic. We also touched upon the importance of increasing staffing as it relates to receiving more requests for outreach services. Finally, we spoke about programs each of us is doing related to diversity. Mr. Rivera was very receptive.

Take and Makes

Both libraries continue to offer take and make crafts each month. Hamburg continues to offer 100 take and make crafts each week for children. In November our teen craft was a beaded gecko, and December a calligraphy kit. Lake Shore offered snails, polar bears, and Christmas trees for a total of 73.

Hamburg

Donation Site

The Hamburg Library served as a drop off site for a bedding drive and holiday toy drive. Sleep in Heavenly Peace collected bedding for children ages 3 to 17 in the town. The Holiday Toy Drive was sponsored by the Hamburg Dawgs and Black Travel Baseball teams. The public was asked to drop off a new, unwrapped toy. The drive ran from November 26 to December 10.

Winter Weatherization kits

Senator Sean M. Ryan and National Fuel partnered to provide our community with free home winter weatherization kits. The Hamburg Library received 10 kits and had them available in the library.

Girl Scout Tour

On December 5 a group of 17 Girl Scouts from troop 31428 visited for a tour, story, and craft. Director Hoth gave his special Director's Tour. Afterwards, he read stories about responsibility. A group photo was taken.

Art Shows

The Centennial Art Center finished their month long show on December 9. This is a bi-annual event. The show ran from November 6 through December 9.

Student art was displayed from December 12 through January 10 throughout the library, including the display case and table. The show was put on by Gretchen Weidner Fine Arts through the Buffalo Mural Project. All the artists are under 10 years old.

Hamburgh Holidays donated stand-alone Victorian Carolers to the library. They are displayed at the Buffalo Street entrance.

Sensory Play Nook

Caretaker Sean McSkimming attached the 2 STEM panels to the brick pillars and laid down liquid sensory floor tiles completing the area. It has been a huge hit with children!

Interactive Wall

Senior Pages Jayne Gannon and Shannon Carnall created a new Escape to a Winter Wonderland interactive wall, where patrons can write in a book recommendation to read on a snowy day.



Remembrance Tree

During the month of December our book tree was transformed into a Remembrance Tree, and patrons could acknowledge loved ones who have passed.

AmazonSmile Charity donations

Our community has generously donated items from our AmazonSmile Charity Wishlist this fall. We received craft supplies such as paint, googly eyes, popsicle sticks, glue, foamies and feathers. We also received items for our Children's Area such as puppets, tweezers, acrylic blocks for the light table and wooden alphabet blocks.

Year in Review Video

Librarian Ashley Cassidy and Senior Page Shannon Carnall created a video featuring highlights of 2022 to share on our Facebook page. Some highlights included becoming fine free, creating a Sensory Play Nook, new digital content platforms including Hoopla, the addition of Healing Library kits and CD player available for checkout, and programs offered this year.

Power Brick

The Hamburg Library has a power brick available for in-library use, which can charge laptops. This was purchased to provide power accommodations for our patrons due to lack of wall outlets, particularly upstairs.

Programs offered this month include:

Family Story Time w/Miss Laurie

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta led family storytime in the Kid's Space area, with 227 children and adults in attendance over 6 sessions.

Tales at Twilight

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to hold a storytime on Monday evenings, featuring a sensory play or process art activity. Each session has 20-30 in attendance.

Bookworms

Our new middle grade book club has established a regular group of participants! In November we discussed *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui T. Sutherland and created our own dragon eyes out of clay. In December we discussed *Shuri* by Nic Stone and created hologram projectors.

Stories with Santa

Stories with Santa, a Hamburg Holidays event, was held on December 13 with 50 children in attendance. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited to read several stories. A craft station was set up. Afterwards, hot chocolate and donut holes were served by the Kiwanis Club of Hamburg with a donation from Tim Hortons. There was a limit of 50 registrants with 40 on the waiting list. Because so many were on the waiting list, Santa came back for another visit on December 20. Beginning this year, there will be 2 storytimes.

Local Author Visit

On January 5 local author Tyler Dunne visited to talk about his new book, *The Blood and Guts: How Tight Ends Save Football*. Six people attended. Mr. Dunne wrote the entire book at the Hamburg Library and Spot Coffee. He generously donated a copy of his book. In turn, he received a Hamburg Public Library mug and a crochet book made by Librarian Ashley Cassidy.

Village Business Advisory Council (VBAC)

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to attend the monthly meetings.

Lee Conmigo en Espanol (Come Read with me in Spanish)

This program, presented by Mariely Ortiz, is a storytime presented entirely in Spanish. It is held on the last Saturday of the month. Fourteen children in total attended in November and December.

LEGO Club

LEGO Club continues to be a popular event. Up to 30 children can register for the program. The program is offered once a month and is led by Senior Page Shannon Carnall.

Cookbook Club

Cookbook Club, led by Librarian Leslie Carr, was held on November 17 and December 21 with 12 and 11 attendees respectively. November was "Mexican Night". In December, recipes were chosen from *The Best of Milk Street*. Two new members, the mother and sister, of a current member joined.

Director's Book Club

On December 16 the book club met to discuss the book, *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Stetterly with the movie to follow. Afterwards, the annual potluck holiday party was held after a 2 year hiatus. There was a variety of offerings. Everyone got to eat while enjoying the movie.

Book a Technology Trainer

In November, the TechKnow Lab visited to provide five one-on-one technology training sessions, with 7 attendees.

Storytime at Smarty Pants Childcare

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to provide monthly storytimes for the Preschool and Kinder-Ready classes at Smarty Pants Childcare.

Lake Shore

A mobile 2 sided STEM wall and accessories was purchased. The sensory play nook proved to be so popular at the Hamburg Library, it was thought to give it a try at Lake Shore! The STEM wall was on sale for 40 percent off. It was assembled and placed in the children's area after Thanksgiving. The Friends of the Hamburg Public Library generously donated half the cost.



Programs offered this month include:

EduKids

Librarian Stephanie Molnar visited EduKids every other Friday morning in December reading to 4 classes. She read to a total of 153 children.

LEGO Club

LEGO Club was held on November 26 and December 31 with 21 total attendees.

Cookbook Club

The Cookbook Club met on November 14 and December 12 with 10 and 11 attendees respectively. In November, recipes from *The Secret Ingredient Cookbook* by Kelly Senyei was chosen and in December, we had a Christmas cookie exchange.

Craft Day with Kids

On Tuesday, November 8, a craft day for kids was held with 9 children in attendance. Children got to make their own gingerbread houses! Sixteen children participated.

Polar Express Party

On December 17 a Polar Express Party was held with 30 children and adults in attendance. Children got to make crafts and watch the movie. Hot chocolate was also served.



Adult Book Club

On November 28 Book Club met to discuss *The Heretics Daughter* by Kathleen Kent with 4 in attendance.

Hamburg Public Library - December 2022 Report

Circulation Statistics

	December 2022	December 2021	% Change
Hamburg	15,789	7,866	100.7%
Lakeshore	5,154	3,019	70.7%

Patron Door Counts

	December 2022	December 2021	% Change
Hamburg	5,735	4,670	22.8%
Lakeshore	2,208	2,254	-2%

Computer Sessions

	December 2022	December 2021	% Change
Hamburg	614	628	-2.2%
Lakeshore	157	205	-23.4%

WiFi Sessions

	December 2022	December 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,089	1,619	-32.7%
Lakeshore	220	392	-43.9%

* The libraries were impacted by a winter storm and storm cleanup 12/23/2022-12/27/2022. Erie County was under a State of Emergency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hoth - Director

**2022 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/3/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	169.30		5513.16
11/3/2022	4531	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	5383.48
11/3/2022	4532	Brian Hoth (Mileage reimbursement October)		20.00	5363.48
11/3/2022	4533	Stephanie Molnar (Mileage reimbursement October)		19.62	5343.86
11/8/2022		M & T Service Charge		5.04	5338.82
11/10/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	309.93		5648.75
11/10/2022	4534	Laura W. Cunningham (Mileage reimbursement October)		16.00	5632.75
11/10/2022	4535	ECWA (Monthly Water Bill Hamburg)		33.00	5599.75
11/16/2022	4536	Gui's Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg & Lake Shore)		260.93	5338.82
11/16/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	325.80		5664.62
11/16/2022	4537	John W. Danforth Company (HVAC filters)		325.80	5338.82
12/1/2022	4538	Brian Hoth (Mileage reimbursement November)		26.79	5312.03
12/8/2022	4539	Cintas Corp (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	5182.35

12/8/2022	4540	ECWA (Monthly water bill Hamburg)		33.00	5149.35
12/8/2022	4541	Laura Cunningham (Mileage reimbursement November)		16.00	5133.35
12/8/2022	4542	Stephanie Molnar (Mileage reimbursement November)		6.38	5126.97
12/8/2022	4543	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement Lake Shore program supplies)		172.48	4954.49
12/8/2022	4544	Gui's Lumber (Maintenance needs Hamburg & Lake Shore)		170.80	4783.69
12/8/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	555.13		5338.82
12/13/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	110.97		5449.79
12/13/2022	4545	Laura Obrochta (Mileage reimbursement November)		12.00	5437.79
12/13/2022	4546	Reimbursed a patron for a book he paid for and then located the book.		29.00	5408.79
12/13/2022	4547	Ashley Cassidy (Reimbursement for program supplies)		55.95	5352.84
12/13/2022	4578	Laurie Obrochta (Reimbursement for program supplies)		14.02	5338.82
1/5/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	952.09		6290.91
1/5/2023	4549	Gui's Lumber (Maintenance needs Hamburg & Lake Shore)		231.61	6059.3
1/5/2023	4550	Waste Management (Lake Shore refuse pick up /1/23-3/31/2023)		625.43	5433.87
1/5/2023	4551	Brian Hoth (Mileage reimbursement December)		26.10	5407.77
1/5/2023	4552	Stephanie Molnar (Mileage reimbursement December)		12.00	5395.77

1/5/2023	4553	Sean McSkimming (Mileage reimbursement December)		40.95	5354.82
1/5/2023	4554	Laura Cunningham (Mileage reimbursement December)		16.00	5338.82

Final Balance: \$ 5,338.82

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/3/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	160.7		4,775.35
11/3/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		169.3	4,606.05
11/10/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	156.94		4,762.99
11/10/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		309.93	4,453.06
11/16/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	172.22		4,625.28
11/16/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		325.80	4,299.48
11/28/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore Fine and Printing)	67.17		4,366.65
11/30/2022		M & T Interest	0.08		4,366.73
12/1/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	167		4,533.73
12/1/2022		Withdrawal		26.79	4,506.94
12/8/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	68.55		4,575.49
12/8/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		555.13	4,020.36

12/13/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		110.97	3,909.39
12/13/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore November Fine and Printing)	61.23		3,970.62
12/22/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	281.24		4,251.86
1/5/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	132.79		4,384.65
1/5/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		952.09	3,432.56

Final Balance: \$3,432.56

Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/3/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1401.48		3566.26
11/3/2022	3380	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for shelving unit in Sensory Nook)		49.48	3516.78
11/3/2022	3381	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for STEM panels (2))		1352.00	2164.78
11/10/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	177.34		2342.12
11/10/2022	3382	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Friends recognition plaque)		35.00	2307.12
11/10/2022	3383	Venmill Industries (Purchase disc cleaning supplies)		142.34	2164.78
11/16/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1225.19		3389.97

11/16/2022	3384	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Sensory accessories)		1225.19	2164.78
11/16/2022	3385	Hamburgh Holidays (purchase of wreaths for Hamburg)		108.00	2056.78
11/25/2022	3386	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for crafts)		45.23	2011.55
11/25/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	153.23		2164.78
11/28/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore Book sale for October deposited in checking account by mistake)	77.00		2241.78
12/1/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	129.99		2371.77
12/1/2022	3387	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for a larger coffee urn)		129.99	2241.78
12/13/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	107.55		2349.33
12/13/2022	3388	Laurie Obrochta (Reimbursement for program take-in-makes)		22.10	2327.23
12/13/2022	3389	Ashley Cassidy (Reimbursement for literacy calendar's 2023 and craft for Stories with Santa)		85.45	2241.78
12/22/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	281.65		2523.43
12/22/2022	3390	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement for Polar Express party Lake Shore)		23.52	2499.91
11/22/2022	3391	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for Hot chocolate for Stories with Santa (2 nd program))		88.08	2411.83
11/22/2022	3392	Ashley Cassidy (Reimbursement for liquid sensory floor tiles)		170.05	2241.78
1/5/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to	378.05		2619.83

		Checking for bills)			
1/5/2022	3393	Buffalo & Erie County Library (Lake Shore labels for books)		56.07	2563.76
1/5/2023	3394	Amazon Capitol Services (Purchase of Google Pixal 6a phone and protective covers)		321.98	2241.78

Final Balance: \$2,241.78

Northwest Private Account – Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
10/31/2022		Northwest Bank Interest	0.33		41965.88
11/3/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale and donation box)	132.00		42097.88
11/3/2022		Deposit (Reimbursement from the Friends of the Library for half the cost of the STEM wall and accessories Hamburg)	676.00		42773.88
11/3/2022		Deposit (Memorial Book request)	80		42853.88
11/3/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,401.48	41452.40
11/10/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		177.34	41285.06
11/16/2022		Deposit (Donation check to the Hamburg Library)	250.00		41535.06
11/16/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,225.19	40309.87

11/25/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	76.75		40386.62
11/25/2022		Deposit (Reimbursement from the Friends of the Library for half the cost of the Mobile STEM wall and accessories Lake Shore)	612.60		40999.22
11/25/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		153.23	40845.99
11/28/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale October Money transferred to savings from deposit in checking in error)	77.00		40922.99
11/30/2022		Northwest Bank Interest	0.34		40923.33
12/1/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		129.99	40793.34
12/8/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & donation box)	57.50		40850.84
		Deposit (Two donation checks for \$100 each)	200.00		41050.84
12/13/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale & Donation Box)	94.50		41145.34
12/22/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		281.65	40863.69
1/5/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	76.50		40940.19
1/5/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		378.05	40562.14

Final Balance: \$40,562.14

The Friends of the library reimbursed us for half the cost for the Sensory items purchased for both Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries. We also received some donations and a memorial book order. The rest of the transactions were fairly routine.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

11/2/2022 -1/4/2023 = \$487.75