

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, July 22 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Hamburg Public Library

Hamburg Library

Programs offered this month include:

Nickel City Treble Makers & Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus

On June 11 and 25 the Nickel City Treble Makers Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus provided the Hamburg Library with exciting musical experiences. There were 6 and 23 respectively in attendance.

Local Author Visit

On June 16, Molly Nichols Mailey, a local author, visited to discuss her book, *Finding Esther*, an autobiography of her life. Mrs. Mailey is a graduate of Wheaton College, a former business owner, educator to middle and high school students, a wife, mother, grandmother, and a princess of the Kingdom. Seventeen patrons attended the discussion.

Plant Swap

On June 20, Librarian Branch Manager Nicole hosted a Plant Swap at the Hamburg Public Library in the Reading Garden. Volunteers from the Hamburg Garden Club and S.O.L.E (Seeds of Living Education) garden assisted with running the event. Eighteen individuals participated. Some plants and seeds were generously donated by the Hamburg Garden Club and S.O.L.E.

Pride Month

On June 24 and 25, Rainbow Collective and Niagara Pride did presentations about the valuable services they offer within the Hamburg community with 5 attending.

Hamburg Library Job Fair

On July 10, a job fair was held from 11am to 1pm sponsored by the New York State Department of Labor. Employers looking for perspective applicants included: Air Force Reserve, Department of Corrections and Community Services, Taylor Metalworks, Inc., Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, and Fidelis Care. In all, 18 businesses participated with 54 job seekers. The Job Fair is held bi-annually.

Garden Walk

The annual Hamburg Garden Walk was held on the weekend of July 11 and 12 from 10am to 4pm. Several village homeowners and businesses participated. The Hamburg Library has participated for several years. A special thank you to the Hamburg Garden Club who care for and maintain the grounds. They do a wonderful job!

Summer Programming

Summer Reading Kick Off

Summer Reading began on June 27 with a Kick Off hosted by Librarian Jordan. There were 54 attendees who signed up for Summer Reading and the Badging Program. In addition to Summer Reading sign ups, attendees also entered a raffle for a goody bag, played outdoor games, hunted for dinosaur eggs, and participated in several activities related to their “adopted” dinosaurs. This day also saw the unveiling of the new sand box in the reading garden where children can dig for dinosaur fossils all summer long.



Adopt a Dinosaur Egg Hunt

The Dinosaur Egg Hunt continues through the month of July. Images of fossils are hidden in plastic eggs around the library. The children find an egg and fossil to exchange for a toy dinosaur they can “adopt”. The children then do an activity sheet to

learn about their specific Dinosaur and build a habitat for it to live inside. To date, 178 children have participated in the hunt and “adopted” dinosaurs.

Summer Reading Display

For the months of June, July and August, Librarian Jordan decorated the library display cases to advertise the Summer Reading and Badging programs. The upstairs display table advertises the reading program and has free bookmarks, stickers, and the summer reading raffle tickets. The downstairs display has posters advertising the summer reading program as well as the badging program for kids to collect buttons. Senior Page Lauren aided in decorating the display with cut out dinosaurs and plants and dinosaur themed prizes.



Jurassic Journeys

On July 13, Magician and performer Cris Johnson visited the Hamburg Public Library to present “Jurassic Journeys”. Attendees learned many facts about dinosaurs including extinction theories, how fossils are created, and current theories. Afterwards, they got to play three fun carnival games! There were 55 children and adults in attendance. Crafts were put out before the program.

Class Visit

On June 2, Librarian Jordan and Librarian Branch Manager Nicole gave a tour to the kindergarten classes from Charlotte Avenue Elementary. They were given a tour seeing all the behind the scenes areas of the library and did a craft. There were 43 students and 3 adults who visited.

Teen Programming

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

On Monday July 6, Librarian Jordan hosted the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting for teens in grades 7-12. Two new teens attended and helped to work on creating a website header for a competition hosted by the Central Library. The winner of the competition will have their design added to a website the Library is creating to organize Teen Advisory Groups across all of the libraries in the system. Entries are due at the end of August,. The teens will finalize their entries at the next meeting on August 3.

Teen Art Night

On Monday June 29, Librarian Jordan hosted Teen Art Night. Four teens attended to create beaded sun catchers. Using thin elastic string, the teens strung the beads to hang from either drift wood or a metal hoop.



Book Displays

In June there were several displays throughout the library. Themes were: Pride Month, Juneteenth, New Nonfiction, and Books you May Have Missed.



In July there were displays highlighting Summerween, Christmas in July, Dinosaurs, New Nonfiction, Local Authors, and Beach Reads.



Lake Shore Library

Programs offered this month include:

Empowered Care Giver Series

On June 4 and July 2 the Lake Shore Library hosted the Alzheimer's Association presenting an educational series to assist caregivers with 3 in attendance.

Summer Programming

The Lake Shore Library kicked off Summer Reading and prepared the patrons to "Get Wild" with this years' theme, "Unearth a Story".

Dads and Dinos Roar

On June 20, Library Associate Laurie hosted a Father's Day program with 93 in attendance. Fathers were encouraged to build a fort together with their children using the recyclable material provided, with nothing but ingenuity, zip ties and cording. Together they created a communal fort carried into the library. Hand-print Father's Day cards and several dinosaur crafts were created. Fossil imprinting and lawn games were provided. Popcorn and green juice was served.

Fantastic Fossils

On July 15, the Buffalo Museum of Science presented "Fantastic Fossils", an educational program with 42 in attendance. Children were shown stegosaurus plates, velociraptor claws, and triceratops horns!



Book Displays

Library Associate Laurie created a Summer Reading display case, hung 4th of July summer wreaths on both doors, and showcased a book display on dinosaurs in the children's area. "America Celebrates its 250th Birthday" was the adult book display.



Interactive stations were set up with dinosaur play, crafting, and coloring.



Class Visit

On June 18, Miss Anne brought her class of 14 students to the Library. Miss Laurie read a story and gave out stickers.

Outreach

Hamburg Library

Smarty Pants Day Care

On Thursday June 4, Librarian Jordan visited Smarty Pants Childcare to read stories to two different classes. Librarian Jordan read to 29 kids in the Kinder-Ready and Pre-k rooms.

Smarty Pants Childcare participates in the classroom collections program. Every month they receive library books based on their weekly themes. Their books are dropped off with the class visit at the beginning of each month. In June they requested books about Insects, Father's Day, Jungle/ Animals, Messy Fun with Science, and Camping/4th of July. In all, they borrowed 37 books.

Armor Elementary School

On June 9, Librarian Branch Manager Nicole visited Armor Elementary. She spoke to approximately 320 students and staff to promote the library and summer reading.

Giving Garden

On June 30, Librarian Jordan read to 28 children about plants and gardening. After the stories, the children made a pinwheel craft and helped care for the gardens. Story times are co-hosted with Seeds of Living Education (S.O.L.E.) and are held throughout the summer and fall.



Lake Shore Library

BrightPath Daycare

On June 5, Library Associate Laurie visited 6 classrooms and read to 92 children. This is a monthly outreach visit.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Hoth, Director

HAMBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM STATISTICS

FOR CHILDREN

Program: Story Time Facilitator: Jordan, Librarian

Date	# of Programs	Adults	Children	Total
6/3	2	32	37	69
6/10	2	31	42	73
6/17	2	34	47	81
6/24	2	18	22	40
7/1	2	29	42	71
7/8	2	25	34	59
7/15	2	36	33	69

Program: Lego Club Facilitator: Emily & Lauren, Sr. Page

Date	Adults	Children	Total
6/6	7	12	19
7/8	12	16	28

Program: Baby Bounce Facilitator: Nicole, Librarian Branch Manager

Date	# of Programs	Adults	Children	Total
6/8	2	16	16	32

6/22	1	15	11	26
7/13	2	26	26	52

Program: Camp Create Facilitator: Jordan, Librarian

Date	Adults	Children	Total
6/15	11	15	26

Program: Bricks to Go Facilitator: All Staff

Date	Total
5/31	42
6/30	10

FOR ADULTS

Program: Director's Book Club Facilitator: Brian, Library Director

Date	Total
6/12	9

Program: Cookbook Club Facilitator: Staff

Date	Teens	Adults	Total
5/20	1	7	8
6/17	2	7	9
7/15	1	6	7

INTERGENERATIONAL

Program: Colorful Tuesdays

Facilitator: Staff

Date	Adults	Children	Total
6/2	1	2	3
7/2	1	2	3

Program: Button Day

Facilitator: Nicole, Librarian Branch Manager

Date	Adults	Children	Total
6/4	7	10	17
6/18	5	7	12
7/2	1	2	3

Program: Read to Kruz

Facilitator: Owner

Date	Adults	Children	Total
6/20	6	6	12

CYBERTRAIN

Program: Book a Tech Trainer

Facilitator: TechKnow Lab staff

Date	Total
6/12	4
6/26	5

LAKESHORE BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAM STATISTICS

FOR CHILDREN

Program: Playmore

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
6/9	6	6	12
6/11	3	7	10
6/16	7	6	13
6/19	7	7	14
7/4	3	3	6

Program: Lego Club

Facilitator: Staff

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
5/30	11	6	17
6/27	7	4	11

Program: Story Time All Shook Up!

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
5/21	22	20	42
5/28	4	4	8
6/4	12	12	24
6/25	35	25	60
7/2	28	18	46

Program: Baby Bounce

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
5/19	11	11	22
5/26	19	15	34
6/2	11	11	22
6/23	11	10	21
6/30	5	5	10

Program: Crafting Station

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
5/30	102
6/11	72
6/30	59
6/30	68

FOR ADULTS

Program: Adult Craft Night

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
6/22	30

Program: Adult Book Club

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
5/18	8
6/29	11

Program: Adult Cookbook Club

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
6/8	12
7/6	15

INTERGENERATIONAL

Program: Read with Paddington

Facilitator: Owner

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
5/23	18	16	34
6/13	17	15	32
7/11	16	11	27

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Hamburg Public Library

Month	Theme	Total
May	Search and Color Find	398
June	I have keys but no locks, space but no room, you can enter but can't leave. What am I?	749

Lake Shore Branch Library

Month	Theme	Total
May	Strawberry Shortcake	185
June	Land Before Time	281

Circulation Statistics

	June 2026	June 2025	% Change
Hamburg	16,909	18,002	- 6.1 %
Lake Shore	5,514	5,227	5.5 %

Patron Door Counts

	June 2026	June 2025	% Change
Hamburg	7,336	7,644	- 4.0 %
Lake Shore	3,531	2,902	21.7 %

Computer Sessions

	June 2026	June 2025	% Change
Hamburg	756	906	- 16.6 %
Lake Shore	220	175	25.7 %

Wi-Fi Sessions

	June 2026	June 2025	% Change
Hamburg	2,712	2,458	10.3 %
Lake Shore	693	418	65.8 %

**June 2026 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
5/27/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	212.36		2,680.73
5/27/2026	4904	Cintas Corp (floor mat replacement for Hamburg and Lake Shore May)		212.36	2,468.37
6/3/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	256.96		2,725.33
6/3/2026	4905	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg & Lake Shore (May))		210.77	2,514.56
6/3/2026	4906	Laura W. Cunningham (May mileage reimbursement)		20.00	2,494.56
6/3/2026	4907	Jordan Roeder (May mileage reimbursement)		26.19	2,468.37
6/8/2026		M & T Bank Service Charge June		7.56	2,460.81
6/12/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	271.09		2,731.90
6/12/2026	4908	Larry Davis (May mileage reimbursement)		32.53	2,699.37
6/12/2026	4909	Rachel Martinic (May mileage reimbursement)		8.56	2,690.81
6/12/2026	4910	Southtowns Regional Chamber annual membership		200.00	2,490.81
6/12/2026	4911	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water bill May)		33.00	2,457.81

6/18/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	200.00		2,657.81
6/18/2026	4912	Nickel City Treble Makers choir performance		200.00	2,457.81
7/7/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	2,074.87		4,532.68
7/7/2026	4913	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg & Lake Shore June)		222.73	4,309.95
7/7/2026	4914	Cris Johnson (Hamburg program Jurassic Journey Dino Extravaganza)		495.00	3,814.95
7/7/2026	4915	Buffalo Museum of Science (Lake Shore program : Fantastic Fossils)		219.60	3,595.35
7/7/2026	4916	Laura Cunningham (June mileage reimbursement)		16.00	3,579.35
7/7/2026	4917	Cintas (floor mat replacement for Hamburg and Lake Shore (June))		265.45	3,313.90
7/7/2026	4918	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water bill June)		33.00	3,280.90
7/7/2026	4919	Waste Management (Refuse pick up for Lake Shore 7/1 - 9/30/26)		823.09	2,457.81

Final Balance: \$2,457.81

M&T Business Account – Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
5/27/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		212.36	6,932.01
5/29/2026		M & T interest (May)	0.12		6,932.13
6/3/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	226.33		7,158.46

6/3/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		256.96	6,901.50
6/3/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore fine & printing revenue)	151.25		7,052.75
6/12/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		271.09	6,781.66
6/18/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	158.85		6,940.51
6/18/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		200.00	6,740.51
6/26/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	99.55		6,840.06
6/30/2026		M & T interest June	0.12		6,840.18
7/2/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	214.04		7,054.22
7/7/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		2,074.87	4,979.35
7/7/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	99.30		5,078.65

Final Balance: \$5,078.65

Northwest Private Account – Checking					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
5/22/2026	online	Amazon (Cases for CD Players)		59.98	1914.17
5/22/2026		Amazon Credit for return (Return of incorrect CD Case)	36.99		1951.16
5/22/2026		Amazon Credit for return (Return of incorrect CD Case)	36.99		1988.15
5/27/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	75.30		2063.45
5/27/2026	3636	Brian Parisi Copier Systems (overage		15.32	2048.13

		charge)			
5/29/2026		Northwest Paper Statement May		5.00	2043.13
6/2/2026	on-line	Amazon (Hamburg summer reading Prizes)		109.46	1933.67
6/3/2026	3637	Jordan Roeder Hamburg reimbursement for Scavenger Hunt and volunteers)		221.46	1712.21
6/3/2026	3638	Guis Lumber (Hamburg sand and supplies for program)		6.59	1705.62
6/3/2026	3639	American Button Machine (Button supplies for summer program)		143.90	1561.72
6/3/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	481.41		2043.13
6/6/2026	on-line	Amazon (Lake Shore summer program Supplies)		126.21	1916.92
6/12/2026	3640	Ven-mill Industries (Supplies for disc cleaner)		99.00	1817.92
6/12/2026	3641	DEMCO (Book Labels supplies Hamburg & Lake Shore)		82.69	1735.23
6/12/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	307.90		2043.13
6/26/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	41.90		2085.03
6/26/2026	3642	Jordan Roeder (reimbursement for bead program)		41.90	2043.13
6/30/2026		Northwest Paper Statement (June)		5.00	2038.13
7/7/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	218.51		2256.64
7/7/2026	3643	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for scavenger hunt prizes)		113.22	2143.42
7/7/2026	3644	Nicole Brown (reimbursement for Dino		57.96	2085.46

		Supplies)			
7/7/2026	3649	Guis Lumber (sand & supplies for summer programming (Hamburg))		47.33	2038.13
7/10/2026	3650	Aul's Upholstery (reupholster three seat cushions (Lake Shore))		150.00	1888.13

Final Balance: \$1,888.13

Northwest Private Account – Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
5/27/2026		Deposit (Copy Machine & Donation Box Hamburg))	446.16		60770.67
5/27/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		75.30	60695.37
5/29/2026		Northwest interest May	0.52		60695.89
5/29/2026		Northwest Paper Statement May		5.00	60690.89
6/3/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	110.50		60801.39
6/3/2026		Deposit (Hamburg three day Discarded Book Sale)	467.25		61268.64
6/3/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		481.41	60787.23
6/3/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale & Donation Box)	178.00		60965.23
6/12/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		307.90	60657.33
6/18/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Donation Box)	34.00		60691.33
6/26/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	146.00		60837.33

6/26/2026		Deposit (Donation)	1000.00		61837.33
6/26/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		41.90	61795.43
6/30/2026		Northwest interest (June)	0.50		61795.93
6/30/2026		Northwest Paper Statement (June)		5.00	61790.93
7/2/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Copier)	115.00		61905.93
7/7/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	110.75		62016.68
7/7/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		218.51	61798.17
7/7/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore Copier, Book Sale & Donation Box)	193.00		61991.17

Final Balance: \$61,991.17

Expenditures were fairly returned since the last meeting. Several purchases were made in preparation for the summer reading program at both libraries.

Proceeds from our routine Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs: 5/19/2026 – 7/15/2026 = \$571.75

Proceeds from the three day special discarded Book Sale: \$467.25