

Librarians' Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, July 11 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Lake Shore Library

Hamburg Library report, submitted by Librarian Ashley Cassidy

Donation Bins

Sleep in Heavenly Peace collected donations to provide children in the city of Buffalo with free beds. Requested donations included new twin-sized mattress pads, comforters, sheets, pillows and pillow cases. The donation bin was located by the desk. The bin filled twice!

The Hamburg Library was a drop off location of nonperishable food and personal care items for our neighbors affected by the May 14th tragedy at Tops Supermarket in Buffalo. This drive was coordinated through Home School Families of Erie County and FeedMore WNY.

Summer Reading

Summer reading officially began June 20. Reading logs for ages birth-4 and 5-11 can pick up reading logs at either branch. Teens and adults can join us online at ReadSquared. Prizes have been generously donated by the Friends of the Hamburg Public Library, Bella Pizza, Comfort Zone Café, Hamburg Palace Theatre, Main Street Ice Cream, and Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve. Library Associate Laurie Obrochta redesigned the circulation desk as a pirate ship and built a beachside display. The graphics department from the Central Library installed a giant octopus in the children's area. Senior pages Shannon Carnall and Jayne Gannon designed an interactive wall for book recommendations.



Class Visits

In May, schools were able to resume field trips, for the first time since 2020! We had 5 kindergarten classes from Union Pleasant Elementary visit on separate occasions in May (98 visitors). We also had the first grade class from Blasdell Elementary visit in May (72 visitors). In June, the Charlotte Avenue Elementary Kindergarten classes visited (53 visitors). This is the first time we have had class visits from Blasdell and Charlotte Avenue! Each visit included a craft, story and tour. All students went home with a library card application and a summer reading log.

Classroom Collections

In June we established a new partnership for classroom collections! We will provide three collections of 25 books each for a kindergarten summer school class at Union Pleasant Elementary. It is expected that this will continue for the regular school session in the fall. We now have three agencies (5 classrooms) for which we provide collections.

Summer Hours

Summer hours began on June 13. Hamburg will be closed on Sundays and Lake Shore hours remain the same.

Annual Compliance Training

Each year all employees are required to complete Kantola Training on Harassment Prevention and Workplace Violence. All staff who worked in June completed the training.

New Library Cards

In May the Hamburg Library issued 56 library cards to adults and 27 children. In June our new users were 1 agency, 55 adults and 36 children.

Programs at the Hamburg Library:

Start-ups and Bankruptcy

Senator Sean M. Ryan and Assemblymember Jon D. Rivera sponsored a program at the Hamburg Library on May 7 to discuss small business or personal bankruptcy questions.

Wizard of Oz at the Hamburg Palace Theatre

Assemblymember Jon D. Rivera hosted a community event at the Hamburg Palace Theatre, with the library, Buffalo Zoo and Buffalo Museum of Science. Librarian Ashley Cassidy met Assistant Deputy Director Samantha Purpora with the new Library2Go van at the event. We distributed summer reading information and program calendars for both Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries, and offered a craft. We had 96 people stop by our booth.

Local Authors Jennifer Hillman and Bill McKeever

Local authors Jennifer Hillman and Bill McKeever discussed "Secret Places of Western New York: 25 Scenic Hikes," co-authored with Bruce Kershner on May 9. The program drew 10 adults.

Storytime with Miss Laurie

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta resumed storytime in May. We offered two sessions with a limit of 30 total participants in each. Registration was available online, with a separate registration for each week. Most sessions were at or near capacity. On May 11, we had local author Carolyn Grassmick join us to share her book "Joey and the Jelly Beans."

Sunday Screenings

Our last Sunday movie of the season was Aquaman on May 15, with one attendee.

Phoebe the Reading Dog

Phoebe visited on May 14 and June 11. We welcomed Kruz, a certified therapy dog and friend of Phoebe, at the end of June while Phoebe recovered from a procedure. All three events drew 36 total attendees.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross came to the library for a blood drive on May 23.

Libby Class

The Techknow Lab came to the library on June 6 to provide instruction on using the library service Libby. There were 4 attendees.

Storytime at Smarty Pants Childcare

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to visit Smarty Pants Childcare once a month to provide storytimes for the Preschool and Kinder-Ready classes.

Cookbook Club

Librarian Leslie Carr hosts a dinner once a month at the library, with a cookbook from the collection as inspiration. In May we had 14 attendees, and June there were 10. The participants have a great time socializing, and stay until close!

LEGO Club

LEGO club meets once a month. Registration is limited to 20 participants for each session.

Scavenger Hunts

In May we offered a Star Wars Scavenger Hunt in the children's area, which had 323 participants. In June we offered a Fish Scavenger Hunt, which had 354 participants.

Take and Makes

We continue to prepare and distribute 100 crafts kits for children each week, and 40-50 craft kits for teens each month.

Lake Shore Library Report
By Stephanie Molnar, 6/29/2022

- Since the last board report, we had seven story times with 175 participants in total. Spring Story Time themes included food, Star Wars, dinosaurs, getting dressed, the ocean, and the USA.
- The Cookbook Club met on May 9 with 7 attendees and on June 13 with 9 attendees. In May we chose recipes from Eat What You love by Marlene Koch and in June we chose recipes from Now Eat This! by Rocco Dispirito.
- Lego Club was held on May 28 and June 25 with 13 total attendees.
- The following take and make crafts for kids were distributed in May and June. Crafts are distributed every other week.
 - Watermelon Popsicle: 32
 - Father's Day card: 30
 - Squids: 30
- Adult Craft Night met on Monday, May 16 with 11 attendees and we made painted plant stakes.
- Students from EduKids visited on May 12, 19, and 26 and June 2, 9, 16, and 30. We had 49 kids and 21 adults total. Three books are read and each kid is given a sticker.
- Book Club was held on Monday, May 23 with 4 attendees. We discussed "The City of Falling Angels" by John Berendt.
- Book Club was held on Monday, June 27 with 6 attendees. We discussed "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See.
- We held a Star Wars scavenger hunt in May where kids found Star Wars characters around the library to win a prize. We had 70 participants.
- We held an Eric Carle scavenger hunt in June in honor of his June 25 birthday where kids found Eric Carle characters around the library to win a prize. We had 60 participants.
- We put out supplies for kids to use their imaginations to craft a specific project. Weather Report had 20 participants and Decorate a Door Hanger had 40 participants.
- The Red Cross held a Blood Drive in the meeting room on Wednesday, May 25 and collected 12 units.
- On Tuesday, June 7 we held a Book a Technology Trainer event through the TechKnow Lab with three attendees.
- Through the Erie County Office of Consumer Protection, we held an Identity Theft and Credit program with one attendee.
- On Wednesday, we held a Live Animal Demonstration with reptiles, amphibians, and insects with the help of Earth Spirit Educational. We had 40 attendees.
- Summer Reading began on Tuesday, June 21 with programs for four age groups: Birth-4, Ages 5-11, Teens, and Adults.
- Librarian Stephanie Molnar engaged in 9.75 hours of continuing education in May and June.
- The meeting room was used ten times by outside organizations.



Hamburg Public Library – June 2022 Report

Circulation Statistics

	June 2022	June 2021	% Change
Hamburg	18,287	9,849	85.7%
Lakeshore	5,411	3,381	60.0%

Patron Door Counts

	June 2022	June 2021	% Change
Hamburg	5,990	4,751	26.1%
Lakeshore	2,692	2,308	16.6%

Computer Sessions

	June 2022	June 2021	% Change
Hamburg	810	601	34.8%
Lakeshore	225	175	28.6%

WiFi Sessions

	June 2022	June 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,699	1,741	-2.4%
Lakeshore	384	449	-14.5%

Hamburg Public Library – May 2022 Report

Circulation Statistics

	May 2022	May 2021	% Change
Hamburg	16,316	8,401	94.2%
Lakeshore	5,778	2,918	98.0%

Patron Door Counts

	May 2022	May 2021	% Change
Hamburg	6,393	4,355	46.8%
Lakeshore	2,632	1,942	35.5%

Computer Sessions

	May 2022	May 2021	% Change
Hamburg	899	659	36.4%
Lakeshore	246	143	72.0%

WiFi Sessions

	May 2022	May 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,880	1,641	14.6%
Lakeshore	422	424	-0.5%

Hamburg Public Library – April 2022 Report

Circulation Statistics

	April 2022	April 2021	% Change
Hamburg	15,492	9,324	66.2%
Lakeshore	5,521	2,749	100.8%

Patron Door Counts

	April 2022	April 2021	% Change
Hamburg	6,175	4,408	40.1%
Lakeshore	2,867	2,038	40.7%

Computer Sessions

	April 2022	April 2021	% Change
Hamburg	883	672	31.4%
Lakeshore	238	151	57.6%

WiFi Sessions

	April 2022	April 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,637	1,539	6.4%
Lakeshore	404	386	4.7%

**2022 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
4/28/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	14.91		5389.26
4/28/2022	4480	Stephanie Molnar		14.91	5374.35
5/5/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	418.6		5792.95
5/5/2022	4481	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		122.52	5670.43
5/5/2022	4482	Guis Lumber (Maintenance supplies for Hamburg and Lake Shore)		263.08	5407.35
5/5/2022	4483	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	5374.35
5/9/2022		M & T service charge		5.07	5369.28
5/12/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	16		5385.28
5/12/2022	4484	Stephanie Molnar (April Mileage)		16.00	5369.28
5/19/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	63.46		5432.74
5/19/2022	4485	Stephanie Molnar (Lakeshore Program expenses)		63.46	5369.28
5/26/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	122.52		5491.8
5/26/2022	4486	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		122.52	5369.28
6/2/2022		Deposit(Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	33.00		5402.28
6/2/2022	4487	ECWA Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	5369.28
6/9/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	301.58		5670.86
6/9/2022	4488	Guis lumber		200.18	5470.68
6/9/2022	4489	John W. Danforth Company (air filters)		93.40	5377.28
6/9/2022	4490	Stephanie Molnar (May Mileage reimbursement)		8.00	5369.28
6/15/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	41.58		5410.86
6/15/2022	4491	Stephanie Molnar (reimbursement summer programming)		41.58	5369.28
6/30/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	663.89		6033.17
6/30/2022	4492	Stephanie Molnar (reimbursement summer programming)		31.77	6001.4

6/30/2022	4493	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	5871.72
6/30/2022	4494	Waste Management (Hamburg refuse pick up 7/1/2022 0 9/30/2022)		502.44	5369.28
7/7/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	264.78		5634.06
7/7/2022	4495	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Supplies Lake shore and Hamburg)		264.78	5369.28

Final Balance: \$ 5,369.28

M&T Business Account – Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
4/21/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore March Fine & Printing Revenue)	357.69		3,894.52
4/28/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	181.85		4,076.37
4/28/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		14.91	4,061.46
4/29/2022		M & T Interest	0.07		4,061.53
5/4/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	220.05		4,281.58
5/5/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		418.6	3,862.98
5/12/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	262.45		4,125.43
5/12/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		16	4,109.43
5/12/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore April Fine & Printing Revenue)	93.37		4,202.80
5/19/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	201.6		4,404.40
5/19/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		63.46	4,340.94
5/26/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	208.55		4,549.49
5/26/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		122.52	4,426.97
5/31/2022		M & T Interest	0.07		4,427.04
6/2/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	181.35		4,608.39
6/2/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		33	4,575.39
6/9/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	209.24		4,784.63
6/9/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		301.58	4,483.05
6/14/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	235.14		4,718.19
6/15/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		41.58	4,676.61
6/30/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	395.85		5,072.46

6/30/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		663.89	4,408.57
7/7/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	204.90		4,613.47
7/7/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		264.78	4,348.69

Final Balance: \$ 4,348.69

Northwest Private Account – Checking					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
4/28/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	31.99		2193.24
4/28/2022	3333	Laurie Obrochta (reimbursement for Take-n-make supplies April)		31.99	2161.25
5/5/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	410.19		2571.44
5/5/2022	3334	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for ink for printer)		106.18	2465.26
5/5/2022	3335	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for meeting refreshments)		27.71	2437.55
5/5/2022	3336	Amazon (summer event program supplies)		276.30	2161.25
5/19/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	576.00		2737.25
5/19/2022	3337	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for Fowler's Fundraising Candy Bar purchase)		576.00	2161.25
5/27/2022		Amazon Smile Donation	30.78		2192.03
6/9/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	79.98		2272.01
6/9/2022	3338	SYNCB/Amazon (Summer grand prizes for younger children)		79.98	2192.03
6/30/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	108.11		2300.14
6/30/2022	3339	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for Scavenger hunt prizes)		57.76	2242.38
6/30/2022	3340	Laurie Obrochta (Reimbursement for May Take and Makes)		50.35	2192.03

Final Balance: \$ 2,192.03

Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
4/28/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale \$60 + \$53.61 donation Box	139.40		38419.78
4/28/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		31.99	38387.79
4/29/2022	Northwest Bank Interest	0.31		38388.10
5/4/2022	Deposit (\$3000 from Town of Hamburg and a private donation of \$1,000)	4000.00		42388.10
5/5/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		410.19	41977.91
5/12/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale \$156.50 & \$15 donation box	171.50		42149.41
5/12/2022	Deposit (Lakeshore Book Sale April)	119.50		42268.91
5/19/2022	Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	25.00		42293.91
5/19/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		576.00	41717.91
5/26/2022	Deposit (Donation For a Memorial Book)	40.00		41757.91
5/31/2022	Northwest Bank Interest	0.35		41758.26
6/2/2022	Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	45.00		41803.26
6/9/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale \$127 & \$25 donation box)	152.00		41955.26
6/9/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		79.98	41875.28
6/15/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	89.50		41964.78
6/22/2022	Charge for checks ordered		27.25	41937.53
6/30/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Donation box)	50.00		41987.53
6/30/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		108.11	41879.42
7/7/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	116		41,995.42

Final Balance: \$ 41,995.42

Transactions were fairly routine since the last board meeting. The Friends of the library agreed to purchase the large prizes for the summer 'Oceans of Possibilities' program. We will be reimbursed for those expenses in one check when they have all arrived.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

4/21/2022 -7/6/2022 = \$846.40