

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 10 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Lake Shore Library

Staff Meeting

On March 23 a staff meeting was held at the Hamburg Library. Sixteen staff attended. Two of our newest staff members, Caretaker Michael Barry and Senior Page Sarah Hoover, both hired at the Lake Shore Library, were introduced. Everyone got to test their extensive library knowledge by playing "Jeopardy". Staff also got to partake in adult sensory play organized by Ashley. Refreshments were served. Everyone had a great time! Meetings will be held on a regular basis.

Staff Recognition

The Hamburg Coalition for Equity & Inclusion held its annual "Remarkable Women" ceremony on Sunday, March 26 at town hall. One of the recipients was our own Laurie Obrochta "Miss Laurie"! She was recognized for the programming and take-n-makes she does at the Hamburg Library. Certificates were presented by Councilperson Karen Hoak.

Our own Librarian Ashley Cassidy is the recipient of the New York State Senate's Outstanding Librarian Award for the Western New York region. The announcement was made by Senator Iwen Chu, chair of the Libraries Committee, during National Library Week. Ashley was recognized for her dedication, passion, and going above and beyond! Senator Patrick Gallivan will be visiting on Thursday, May 25 to present the award.

Additionally, Senior Library Clerk Laura Cunningham and Library Associate Laurie Obrochta were nominated as "Stars" during National Library Workers Day sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA). Below are comments made by those who nominated them:

Laura from a public library in Hamburg, NY, is a Star because Laura is so full of positive energy that you can't help but laugh and smile along with her. She brightens your day. Laura could have a gazillion projects going at once, but she will always stop and give you her

undivided attention. All of my favorite books came based on her recommendation! We have spent a lot of time chatting about books, and always has keeps me in mind when coming across something new to the library. – Anonymous

Ms. Laurie from a public library in Hamburg, NY, is a Star because Miss Lori goes above and beyond for our library and for the children in our community. We are so grateful that she is there every week doing story time and encouraging our young children to become early readers. I want to thank her for every Popsicle stick and yogurt lid craft that she has come up with, and for every silly song and dance. She is a star in our community. – Anonymous

Nominations can be found at: <https://ala-apa.org/nlwd/?tag=NY&paged=3>

A recognition luncheon for Laurie and Laura was held on May 8.

Congratulations to Ashley, Laurie, and Laurie for these special recognitions!!

Staff Anniversaries

We celebrated several staff anniversaries. Recognized for their outstanding service were Laura Cunningham, Mary Ellen Burke, Sarah England, and Claudia Yates. Everyone got to enjoy cake! Congratulations to all!!

Staff Exits and Arrivals

On May 4 we said goodbye to Senior Page Shannon Carnall. She had been with the Hamburg Library for over 5 years. Shannon accepted a full time clerical position at the Elma Library. A celebration was held on that day. We wish her well! Lauren Atti was hired as our new senior page. She begins the week of May 20. Lauren is looking forward to starting.

Staff Reading Contest

Throughout May, a Staff Reading Contest is being held through READSquared. This will help staff gain an understanding on how the site works leading up to summer reading beginning in June. The grand prize is a \$25 Amazon gift card. Participation is encouraged.

Love Your Library Month

Senior pages Shannon and Jayne installed a new interactive wall, featuring butterfly wings. We offered a contest on social media, where participants could take a picture in

front of the wings with their favorite book. Our winner is pictured below. She received a bag full of goodies. During National Library Week (April 23-29), we highlighted behind the scenes tasks on our social media. Our children's scavenger hunt was focused on getting to know where to find sections of the library.



Red Cross Blood Drives

Blood drives were scheduled at both libraries during March and April.

All branches in B&ECPL now have CPR Training Kits available for checkout. There are 2 Adult/Child Kits and 1 Infant Kit.

Scavenger Hunts

Hamburg Library

To celebrate Women's History Month, senior page Maddy created a scavenger hunt based on the book *Troublemakers in Trousers* by Sarah Albee. There were 20 profiles of women throughout history in the children's area, and 322 people participated.

Lake Shore Branch

A scavenger hunt was held in honor of Women's History Month in March. Kids found photos of famous women around the library to win a prize. There were 48 participants. In honor of Earth Day a scavenger hunt was held in April where kids found elements of nature around the library to win a prize. There were 73 participants.

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! On April 15, staff celebrated Phoebe's birthday!

Take and Makes

One-hundred take and makes are created and distributed each month at the Hamburg Library.

Sixty crafts were created and distributed at the Lake Shore Library during March and April.

Hamburg

The Hamburg Library is now on Instagram and can be found at [hamburglibraryny](#)!

Sensory Play Nook

A refurbished iPad and augmented reality books were purchased to add more offerings for children.

March Interactive Wall

Senior Pages Shannon and Jayne created an amazing interactive wall for March, complete with a 3D book!



Tournament of Book Characters

Throughout the month, our community voted for their favorite children's book character. We began with 8 characters, and each week narrowed the selection until a winner was chosen – Pete the Cat! Librarian Ashley held a special Tales at Twilight session to celebrate Pete the Cat.



Programs offered this month include:

Class visit from Hamburg Nursery School

Children from Hamburg Nursery School visited for a tour, activity and story.

West Seneca Central Schools Professional Development

In March, the librarians from West Seneca schools visited the Hamburg Library for a professional development day. Ashley provided a tour and discussed current concerns in the library field.

Baby Bounce

In March Library Associate Laurie Obrochta began a new program, for ages birth-24 months. It runs on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and has been very popular. Each session has 20-25 babies plus their caregivers in attendance.

Family Story Time w/Miss Laurie

Laurie continues to lead a family storytime on Wednesday mornings in the Children's Area. More than 200 children and parents attend each session.

Tales at Twilight

Librarian Ashley continues to host an evening storytime for ages 3 and up on Mondays. She has a regular group of 15-20 children each week.

Bookworms

Librarian Ashley continues to hold a monthly book club for middle grade readers. In March the group read *Magic Misfits* and had special guest magician Sean Doolan. He demonstrated several magic tricks and told everyone a bit about the magic community. In April they read *Spy School* and attempted to break out of an escape room.

Book a Technology Trainer

The Techknow Lab visited in March to provide 6 one-on-one sessions covering technology topics.

Wednesday Wellness Series

In March, April and May, a wellness series covering topics such as Managing Emotional Wellness, Eating for Older Adults, and Secrets to a Good Night's Sleep was offered. These seminars were presented by Jennifer Johnson, a Certified Wellness Coach, Certified Personal Trainer, Certified Nutrition and Wellness Consultant and a Registered Yoga Teacher.

Local Author Visit

On March 23 our favorite local author Lissa Marie Redmond made a return visit to discuss her latest novel, *Catch Your Death* with 30 in attendance. Afterwards, she held a book signing. She is interested in conducting a writer's workshop for adults in the fall.

Landscaping Do's and Don'ts

Master Gardener Lyn Chimera visited in March to lead a seminar to a full house of 34 people on maintaining a healthy yard. Her presentations are always fun and informative!

Create Your Own Traditional Polish Easter Butter Lamb

Mary Ann Colopy hosted a hands-on workshop for creating a butter lamb. This program was limited to 20 people, and based on its popularity multiple sessions will need to be hosted next year!

Make a Garden Junk Journal

Miss Laurie hosted a workshop on creating an altered book. The participants had a wonderful time and asked for more adult craft programs in the future.

Hamburg Guitar Quartet

In April, the Hamburg Guitar Quartet returned to the library for a concert. We had 50 people attend that evening. This program continues to be popular each year!

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

Community member Mariely Ortiz conducts a monthly storytime in Spanish. Each month there is a group of 10-15 in attendance.

LEGO Club

Senior Page Shannon continued to lead the ever-popular LEGO Club each month. In January, a second LEGO Club date was added on Wednesday evenings. Both the Wednesday and Saturday sessions have continued to be at full registration.

Cookbook Club

The monthly Cookbook Club has been going extremely well, with more people attending every month.

On March 15 we had a great evening, with a record 19 people attending. Our cookbook was *Someone Feed the Phil*, by Phil Rosenthal of Netflix fame. Recipes are featured from places Phil visited all over the world, and proved to be quite an enjoyable feast for our members.

Our April 19 Cookbook Club had 18 members, with one new guest as well. The cookbook we used was *Grandma's Wartime Kitchen* by Joanne Lamb Hayes. It is a fascinating cookbook with recipes from World War II America, with many anecdotes as well. From what we could tell, people did not starve during those years! One of our members also brought a food rationing book from the war years, which was passed around and enjoyed by all. The recipes were wholesome and filling, and everyone left feeling that they had just eaten Thanksgiving Dinner.

Director's Book Club

Book Club was held on March 17 and April 21. March's title was, *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles with 16 in attendance. A viewing of the movie was held after the discussion. April's title was, *The Cartographers* by Peng Shepard with 17 in attendance.

Storytime at Smarty Pants Childcare

Librarian Ashley continues to provide monthly storytimes for the Preschool and Kinder-Ready classes at Smarty Pants Childcare. She also provides classroom collections for three of the classes at the center.

Village Business Advisory Council (VBAC)

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to attend the monthly meetings.

Lake Shore

Programs offered this month include:

Story Time with Miss Stephanie

Story time was held in March and April with 156 participants in total. Story time themes included Weather, St. Patrick's Day, World Puppetry Day, Dragons, Colors, Boxes, and Gardens. On May 2 children planted zinnia seeds to be grown over the course of the spring. The children were treated to a visit from Myrra the reading dog.

LEGO Club

LEGO Club was held on March 25 and April 29 with 26 total attendees.

Cookbook Club

The Cookbook Club met on March 13 with 9 attendees and on April 10 with 10 attendees. In March, recipes were chosen from *Tastes Better from Scratch* by Lauren Allen and in April, recipes were chosen from *Smitten Kitchen Keepers* by Deb Perelman.

Adult Book Club

Book Club was held on March 27 with 4 attendees. The group discussed *House Made of Dawn* by Eve N. Scott Momaday. On April 24 the group discussed *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown with 2 attendees. The state of Book Club will be discussed at the next meeting on May 22 to see if there is still enough interest to continue.

Adult Craft Night

Adult Craft Night was held on March 20 and April 17 with 13 and 12 participants respectively. In March attendees made a craft out of glass beads and on April 17 the group made wooden bead buntings.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 8 we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Kids made crafts, played bingo, heard a story, and ate snacks. Fifty seven children attended.



Traveling Museum

On Wednesday, April 5 the library hosted the Traveling Museum of Memento Mori, led by curator Amanda Woomer. She gave a lecture on Victorian mourning rituals/culture with exhibits spread around the room with 21 participants.



On Saturday, April 15 Penn Dixie Fossil Park hosted a screening of *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* with snacks and prizes. We had 8 attendees.

A passive craft was set up in April where kids could create an outdoor scene. Twenty seven participated.

Outreach

Librarian Stephanie Molnar continued to visit EduKids (now Bright Path) every other Friday each month. Stephanie reads to 181 students in March and April.

Class Visits

Classes from Bright Path continued to visit the library in April for story time with Miss Stephanie with 19 students in attendance.

Book Sale

A Discard Book Sale was held from April 19, 20, and 22. All items sold for \$.25 with a \$1.00 bag sale on Saturday. Many thanks to the Friends of the Hamburg Public Library for their assistance in setting up and manning the room. Tim Horton's gift cards and a

thank note were sent to each volunteer in appreciation for their help! The library made close to \$300.00

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hoth - Director

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Circulation Statistics

	April 2023	April 2022	% Change
Hamburg	18,589	15,492	20.0%
Lakeshore	6,459	5,521	17.0%

Patron Door Counts

	April 2023	April 2022	% Change
Hamburg	7,058	6,175	14.3%
Lakeshore	3,292	2,867	14.8%

Computer Sessions

	April 2023	April 2022	% Change
Hamburg	855	883	-3.2%
Lakeshore	241	238	1.3%

WiFi Sessions

	April 2023	April 2022	% Change
Hamburg	1,489	1,637	-9.0%
Lakeshore	473	404	17.1%

**2023 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/8/2023		M & T Bank Service Charge		5.16	5,336.46
3/9/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	125.51		5,461.97
3/9/2023	4573	Laura Cunningham (Mileage reimbursement February)		12.00	5,449.97
3/9/2023	4574	Guis Lumber (Lake Shore Maintenance)		80.51	5,369.46
3/9/2023	4575	ECWA (Monthly water bill Hamburg)		33.00	5,336.46
3/17/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	166.30		5,502.76
3/17/2023	4576	Cintas Corp (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	5,373.08
3/17/2023	4577	Laurie Obrochta (Mileage reimbursement February)		12.00	5,361.08
3/17/2023	4578	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement for Lake Shore program supplies)		24.62	5,336.46
3/30/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	93.40		5,429.86
3/30/2023	4579	Sean McSkimming (Reimbursement for handheld digital transmitter & battery)		93.40	5,336.46
4/6/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	887.49		6,223.95
4/6/2023	4580	ECWA (Monthly water bill Hamburg)		33.00	6,190.95
4/6/2023	4581	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg and Lake Shore)		278.29	5,912.66

4/6/2023	4582	Waste Management (Refuse bill 4/1-6/30/23 Hamburg)		552.20	5,360.46
4/6/2023	4583	Brian Hoth (mileage reimbursement March)		24.00	5,336.46
4/13/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	146.54		5,483.00
4/13/2023	4584	Ashley Cassidy (Reimbursement Hamburg program supplies)		33.70	5,449.30
4/13/2023	4585	Stephanie Molnar (mileage reimbursement March)		8.00	5,441.30
4/13/2023	4586	Laurie Obrochta (mileage reimbursement March)		20.00	5,421.30
4/13/2023	4587	Laura Cunningham (mileage reimbursement March)		20.00	5,401.30
4/13/2023	4588	Cintas Corp (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		64.84	5,336.46
4/20/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	142.84		5,479.30
4/20/2023	4589	ECWA (quarterly water bill Lake Shore 1/1 – 4/2/23)		63.78	5,415.52
4/20/2023	4590	Ashley Cassidy (Reimbursement Hamburg program supplies)		38.92	5,376.60
4/20/2023	4591	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement Lake Shore program supplies)		40.14	5,336.46
4/27/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	400.68		5,737.14
4/27/2023	4592	ECWA (Quarterly water bill Hamburg 1/1 -4/2/2023)		400.68	5,336.46
5/4/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1,058.57		6,395.03
5/4/2023	4593	Cintas (door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	6,265.35

5/4/2023	4594	Laura W. Cunningham (mileage reimbursement April)		20.00	6,245.35
5/4/2023	4595	Brian Hoth (door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		28.00	6,217.35
5/4/2023	4596	Rel Comm (software assurance renewal)		360.00	5,857.35
5/4/2023	4597	Guis Lumber (Hamburg & Lake Shore maintenance and equipment)		487.89	5,369.46
5/4/2023	4598	ECWA (monthly water bill Hamburg)		33.00	5,336.46

Final Balance: \$5,336.46

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/9/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		125.51	4,800.74
3/17/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing Revenue)	260.24		5,060.98
3/17/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		166.30	4,894.68
3/21/2023		Deposit (Lakeshore fine & printing revenue February)	142.37		5,037.05
3/30/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	168.90		5,205.95
3/30/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		93.40	5,112.55
3/31/2023		M & T Interest	0.08		5,112.63
4/6/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	53.10		5,165.73
4/6/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		887.49	4,278.24

4/13/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	127.65		4,405.89
4/13/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		146.54	4,259.35
4/18/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore fine & printing Revenue March)	119.00		4,378.35
4/20/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		142.84	4,235.51
4/27/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	171.90		4,407.41
4/27/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		400.68	4,006.73
5/4/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	132.74		4,139.47
5/4/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1058.57	3,080.90

Final Balance: \$3080.90

Northwest Private Account – Checking					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/9/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	154.50		2274.28
3/9/2023	3412	Lessons from Nature (Hamburg Garden Program)		100.00	2174.28
3/17/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	209.64		2383.92
3/17/2023	3413	Amazon Capitol Services (program supplies Hamburg Library)		209.64	2174.28
3/24/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	258.56		2432.84

3/24/2023	3414	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement staff meeting)		102.99	2329.85
3/24/2023	3415	Mar Ann Colopy (Hamburg Butter Lamb Program)		95.00	2234.85
3/24/2023	3416	Laurie Obrochta (Reimbursement for Junk Journal, Baby Bounce & Take-n-makes Hamburg)		87.57	2147.28
3/29/2023	3417	Village of Hamburg Community (Sponsor for Summer Concert Series)		125.00	2022.28
3/30/2023	3418	Amanda Woomer (Lake Shore Program The Art of Grieving)		120.00	1902.28
3/30/2023	3419	ULINE (Lake Shore outside trash receptacle)		746.28	1156.00
3/30/2023	3420	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement Lake Shore program supplies Easter Egg Hunt)		68.33	1087.67
3/30/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1059.61		2147.28
4/20/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	229.99		2377.27
4/20/2023	3421	Valerie Betts (plant pot for Lake Shore)		29.99	2347.28
4/20/2023	3422	Margaret Meissner (Guitar Quartet)		200.00	2147.28
5/4/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	290.00		2437.28
5/4/2023	3423	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement for gift cards for volunteers)		65.00	2372.28
5/4/2023	3424	New Sky Coaching (3 Seminars in wellness)		225.00	2147.28

Final Balance: \$2,147.28

Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/8/2023		Sales Tax 3/1/22-2/28/2023		331.17	38833.66
3/9/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	244.55		39078.21
3/9/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		154.50	38923.71
3/17/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	225.50		39149.21
3/17/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		209.64	38939.57
3/21/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	146.42		39085.99
3/24/2023		Deposit (Town of Hamburg)	3000.00		42085.99
3/24/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		258.56	41827.43
3/30/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	157.00		41984.43
3/30/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,059.61	40924.82
3/31/2023		Northwest interest	0.34		40925.16
4/6/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	113.50		41038.66
4/18/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale March)	145.00		41183.66
4/20/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	176.50		41360.16
4/20/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		229.99	41130.17
5/4/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	0.34		41130.51

5/4/2023		Deposit (Memorial donation)	303.25		41433.42
5/4/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		290.00	41143.42

Final Balance: \$41,143.42

Transactions were routine over this period. Numerous creative programs were paid for as well as a ULINE purchase for an outdoor trash receptacle for the Lakeshore Library. The annual Town of Hamburg contribution in the amount of \$3000 was received for contracting with the HPL to provide programs and services.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

3/2/2023 -5/2/2023 = \$1,361.75 (includes \$299.95 made during a discarded book sale held at the Lake Shore Library in April.)