

**Director's Report**  
**Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 27 @ 6:00 PM**  
**To be held at the Hamburg Public Library**

**Blood Drives**

Blood drives by the American Red Cross were held at the Hamburg Library in April and May. All time slots continue to be filled. In addition to the regular blood drives on odd months, mini drives are scheduled on Fridays during the even months.

**Art Show**

The Centennial Art Society held its bi-annual art show in May. It has proved popular with patrons. The next show is scheduled for November.

**Friends Gathering**

On May 14, the Friends held a membership recruitment gathering. This writer was asked to do a presentation on the history of the Hamburg Public Library and major accomplishments over the last several years. Two people attended who were interested in joining and attending the presentation.

**Passport to Reading Program**

The Passport to Reading program, which runs from May 1 – August 21, has been very popular with patrons! Both libraries have seen many visitors asking questions about the buildings and programs offered. Staff have received many compliments! Gold cards are being offered to the first 1,000 patrons who visit all 37 libraries.

On May 9, the Lake Shore Library had its first Gold Card recipient and on May 11, the Hamburg Library had its first Gold Card recipient.



## Groundbreaking Ceremony

On May 22, this writer attended a groundbreaking ceremony at Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Preserve. Speakers included: County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Assemblymember Jon Rivera, Deputy County Executive Lisa Chimera, Erie County Legislator John Gilmour, and Hamburg Supervisor Elizabeth Farrell Lorentz.

## Scavenger Hunts

Scavenger Hunts in March and April.

### *Hamburg Library*

In March the scavenger hunt theme was, *Where can you always find gold?* There were 720 participants. In April the theme was, *Where do astronauts park their spaceships?* with 726 participants.

### *Lake Shore Library*

April's Scavenger Hunt featured *Puppies* with 171 children participating. Also, 15 children searched for a lost dog bone in the children's area.

## *Hamburg Library*

**Programs offered this month include:**

### **Lucky Day Collection**

The "Lucky Day" collection features popular, high-demand bestsellers available for immediate checkout with no waitlist. These special copies are first-come, first-served, cannot be placed on hold, and are available for browsing next to the new books. This collection became available to the public on March 19.



## Kid Librarian

Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted three Kid Librarians, one each on March 21, March 25, and May 16. Kid Librarians were Abigail Runge, Jo Jackson, and Patrick Osuch. The Kid Librarians worked to curate a display of a topic of their choice to feature in the Kid's Space Area. Abigail chose the theme *Corgis and Fantasy*, Jo chose the theme *A Fantastical Hoard*, and Patrick chose the theme *Patrick's Favorites*. Each Kid Librarian created a poster to display with their collection using the program Canva. The Kid Librarian program is for children ages 8 - 12 and helps children to feel a sense of ownership in the library and the Kid's Space Area by creating their own displays. The program continues to be very popular!



## Seed Share

The Seed Share is an ongoing program supplied by donations that provides free seed packets to the Hamburg community. At the beginning of March, Librarian Jordan sent out donation requests to local and national businesses. Over the last three months the library received a total of 317 seed packet donations. Senior Page Emily processed those donations into smaller packages containing approximately 10-15 seeds each. In total she has organized 1,817 seed packs and stocked the outdoor seed share with 984 packets and counting for the community.



## **Meet a Tortoise!**

On April 10, Sundance Farms visited the library during spring break. Tortoises were the stars of the show. Seventy-five patrons visited the Hamburg Public Library to meet and learn about tortoises.



## **Alzheimer's Association Empowered Caregiver Education Series: Building Foundations of Caregiving**

The Alzheimer's Association Empowered Caregiver education series teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia. The course will be taking place from May - September. The first in the series, held on May 19, was entitled, "Building Foundations of Caregiving" with 4 attending.

## **Crisis Services 101**

The introductory session occurred on May 19 with 4 in attendance and provided a comprehensive look into the work of Crisis Services. Attendees learned about the history and evolution of the agency, the wide array of programs available and how individuals and organizations can connect with each other.

## **Class Visits**

Librarian Jordan, Librarian/Branch Manager Nicole, and this writer gave tours to four kindergarten classes from Union Pleasant Elementary School. They were able to see all the behind the scenes areas of the library, made a craft, and read a book. The title read was *The Book with No Pictures*. This writer had the students take the pledge not to say

“BooBooBut” when they got back to school! There were approximately 80 students and 8 adults who visited.

## Teen Programming

### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

On Monday April 13, Librarian Jordan hosted the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting for teens in grades 7-12. At this meeting, 3 teens attended to finalize the design for the Young Adult Space vinyl sign, which was installed on May 4, and discussed ideas for the next Teen Art Night. On May 4, Librarian Jordan hosted another TAG meeting with 2 attendees. At that meeting they worked on creating a website header for a competition hosted by the Central Library. TAG also met for an extra meeting on Monday April 20 where 5 volunteers helped to unpack and organize the Neighborhood Forest Tree delivery.



### Teen Art Night

On Monday March 30, Librarian Jordan hosted Teen Art Night. Ten teens came to learn about and create their own Zines. Librarian Jordan spent some time teaching what a zine is and the many different forms they take. Then the teens spent time brainstorming and building their own zines with scrapbooking materials, stickers, markers, and more.



## Neighborhood Forest Trees

In February, Librarian Jordan signed the Hamburg Library up as a coordinating institution for the Neighborhood Forest program. This program provides free trees to children of all ages to plant native trees that benefit the local environment. In April, over 300 trees were delivered, unpacked and organized by the TAG on April 20, and later distributed on Earth Day, April 22.



## Lake Shore Library

Programs offered this month include:

### Love My Library Month

April was "Love My Library Month!", Patrons were able to win: One adult Buffalo Bag with two Science Museum passes, and the chance to win one of two Mario filled backpacks with 58 patrons participating.



On April 8, Mike Morton of Sundance Kid Farms visited with prairie dogs! The audience got to see and touch them. Mr. Morton provided interesting facts. There were 73 children and adults attending.



### **BrightPath Class Visit**

On April 14, 14 students from BrightPath made their monthly visit to the library. Miss Laurie read stories and handed out stickers.

## **Outreach**

### **Hamburg Library**

#### **Smarty Pants Day Care**

On Thursday April 2, Librarian Jordan visited Smarty Pants Childcare to read stories to 2 different classes. Between the Kinder-Ready room and the Pre-k room, she read to 25 participants in total. On Thursday May 7, she read to 29 participants. Also, books are dropped off with the class visit at the beginning of each month. In April they requested books about weather, art, Earth Day, gardening and flowers and borrowed 26 total. In May they borrowed 33 books about Mother's Day, life cycles, opposites, circus, Memorial Day, and emotions.

### **Lake Shore Library**

#### **BrightPath Daycare**

On April 24, Miss Laurie made her monthly visit to BrightPath Daycare where she read stories to 91 students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Hoth, Director

## HAMBURG BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAM STATISTICS: APRIL & MAY 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Nicole Brown, Branch Manager

### FOR CHILDREN

Program: Story Time

Facilitator: Jordan, Librarian

Date	# of Programs	Adults	Children	Total
3/25	2	30	35	65
4/1	2	30	37	67
4/8	2	32	38	70
4/15	2	33	28	71
4/22	2	26	32	58
4/29	2	29	33	62
5/6	2	28	35	63

Program: Lego Club

Facilitator: Emily & Lauren, Senor Page

Date	Adults	Children	Total
3/7	24	14	24
3/11	7	13	20
4/4	12	15	29
4/8	10	15	25
5/2	5	9	14
5/13	7	8	15

Program: Pokémon Club  
 Facilitator: Sarah, Librarian Trainee

Date	Adults	Children	Total
4/14	10	22	32
5/12	13	26	39

Program: Baby Bounce  
 Facilitator: Nicole, Librarian Branch Manager

Date	# of Programs	Adults	Children	Total
3/23	2	23	23	46
4/13	2	34	29	63
4/27	2	21	21	42
5/11	2	26	28	54

Program: Camp Create  
 Facilitator: Jordan, Librarian

Date	Adults	Children	Total
3/23	12	17	29
4/27	8	10	18

**FOR ADULTS**

Program: Book Club  
 Facilitator: Brian, Library Director

Date	Total
4/17	14
5/15	16

Program: Cookbook Club  
Facilitator: Sarah, Librarian Trainee

Date	Teens	Adults	Tota
4/15	2	7	9

### INTERGENERATIONAL

Program: Colorful Tuesdays  
Facilitator: Sarah, Librarian Trainee

Date	Adults	Children	Total
4/7	2	5	7
5/5	2	4	6

Program: Button Day  
Facilitator: Nicole, Librarian Branch Manager

Date	Adults	Children	Total
4/2	2	4	6
4/16	1	1	2
5/7	0	3	3

Program: Read to Kruz  
Facilitator: Joanne Pinkoske

Date	Adults	Children	Total
4/11	15	15	30
5/16	15	18	33

Program: Game Night  
Facilitator: Nicole, Librarian Branch Manager

Date	Total
4/9	2

### **CYBERTRAIN**

Program: Book a Tech Trainer  
Facilitator: TechKnow Lab

Date	Total
4/10/26	3

### **LAKE SHORE BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAM STATISTICS: APRIL & MAY 2026**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nicole Brown, Branch Manager

### **FOR CHILDREN**

Program: Playmore  
Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
3/19	16
3/24	21
3/26	16
3/31	8
4/2	14
5/5	12
5/7	14

Program: Lego Club

Facilitator: Staff

Date	Total
4/25	16

Program: Story time All Shook Up!

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
4/9	24
4/16	26
4/23	22
4/30	52
5/14	45

Program: Baby Bounce

Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
4/7	16
4/14	22
4/21	18
4/28	24
5/12	32
5/19	22

Program: Crafting Sation  
Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
3/31	74
4/18	156
4/30	96
5/9	112

**FOR ADULTS**

Program: Adult Craft Night  
Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
3/23	23
4/20	18
5/13	24

Program: Book Club  
Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
3/30	5
4/27	8
5/18	8

Program: Cookbook Club  
Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Total
4/13	17
5/11	21

**INTERGENERATIONAL**

Program: Read with Paddington  
Facilitator: Staff

Date	Total
3/21	25
4/11	27
4/25	28
5/9	32

## Hamburg Public Library - April 2026 Report

### Circulation Statistics

	April 2026	April 2025	% Change
Hamburg	18,509	18,951	-2.3%
Lakeshore	5,834	5,746	1.5%

### Patron Door Counts

	April 2026	April 2025	% Change
Hamburg	7,737	8,192	-5.6 %
Lakeshore	3,018	3,794	-20.5 % *

### Computer Sessions

	April 2026	April 2025	% Change
Hamburg	731	834	-12.4%
Lakeshore	233	230	1.3%

### Wi-Fi Sessions

	April 2026	April 2025	% Change
Hamburg	2,386	2,152	10.9%
Lakeshore	531	523	1.5%

*\* Lake Shore had a program last year that brought in over 500 people in April 2025 which effects this figure*

**Financial Report  
Hamburg Public Library**

**M&T Business Account – Checking**

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/24/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	20.00		2,503.44
3/24/2026	4885	Peggy Snajczuk (ACT DUES)		20.00	2,483.44
3/31/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1,079.22		3,562.66
3/31/2026	4886	Waste Management (Refuse pick up for Lake Shore (4/1-6/30))		749.74	2,812.92
3/31/2026	4887	Cintas (floor mat replacement for Hamburg and Lake Shore for March)		179.48	2,633.44
3/31/2026	4888	Michael Morton (Lake Shore program with prairie dogs)		150.00	2,483.44
4/7/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	142.36		2,625.80
4/7/2026	4889	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water bill in March)		33.00	2,592.80
4/7/2026	4890	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg & Lake Shore)		109.36	2,483.44
4/8/2026		M & T Service Charge (April)		7.54	2,475.90
4/14/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	352.65		2,828.55
4/14/2026	4891	John W. Danforth Company (HVAC Filters for Hamburg)		277.04	2,551.51

4/14/2026	4892	Larry Davis Mileage (March mileage reimbursement)		31.08	2,520.43
4/14/2026	4893	Laura W. Cunningham (March mileage reimbursement)		20.00	2,500.43
4/14/2026	4894	Rachel Martinic Mileage (March mileage reimbursement)		8.56	2,491.87
4/14/2026	4895	Laurie Obrochta Mileage (March mileage reimbursement)		15.97	2,475.90
4/21/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	618.97		3,094.87
4/21/2026	4896	ECWA (Quarterly water bill for Hamburg & Lake Shore 1/1-4/2/26)		618.97	2,475.90
4/28/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	179.48		2,655.38
4/28/2026	4898	Cintas (floor mat replacement for Hamburg and Lake Shore for April)		179.48	2,475.90
5/5/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	279.96		2,755.86
5/5/2026	4899	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg & Lake Shore)		214.96	2,540.90
5/5/2026	4900	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water bill for April)		33.00	2,507.90
5/5/2026	4901	Laura Cunningham (April mileage reimbursement)		32.00	2,475.90
5/12/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	55.18		2,531.08
5/12/2026	4902	Larry Davis (April mileage reimbursement)		46.62	2,484.46
5/12/2026	4903	Rachel Martinic (April mileage reimbursement)		8.56	2,475.90

**Final Balance: \$2,475.90**

## M&T Business Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/24/2026	Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	175.47		5,574.35
3/24/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		20.00	5,554.35
3/31/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,079.22	4,475.13
3/31/2026	M & T interest for March	0.10		4,475.23
4/7/2026	Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	266.75		4,741.98
4/7/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		142.36	4,599.62
4/9/2026	Deposit (Lake Shore March fine & printing revenue)	220.30		4,819.92
4/9/2026	Deposit System Return check	2,882.50		7,702.42
4/14/2026	Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	201.10		7,903.52
4/14/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		352.65	7,550.87
4/21/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		618.97	6,931.90
4/28/2026	Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	159.30		7,091.20
4/28/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		179.48	6,911.72
4/30/2026	M & T interest for April	0.10		6,911.82
5/5/2026	Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	161.10		7,072.92
5/5/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to		279.96	6,792.96

		Checking for bills)			
5/6/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore April fine & printing revenue)	195.55		6,988.51
5/12/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		55.18	6,933.33
5/19/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	211.04		7,144.37

**Final Balance: \$7,144.37**

<b>Northwest Private Account – Checking</b>					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/26/2026	on-line	Amazon (Carnegie grant – Children’s Woodland Hollow Reading Nook)		820.15	1191.25
3/26/2026	on-line	Amazon (Carnegie Grant – Children’s Library Lounger furniture and two stools)		516.79	674.46
3/26/2026	on-line	Amazon (Carnegie Grant –Soft Zone Ottoman Seating for Children)		98.99	575.47
3/26/2026	on-line	Amazon ( Lake Shore & Hamburg library supplies)		80.87	494.60
3/27/2026	3620	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Fowlers Candy fund raising)		90.00	404.60
3/27/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1606.80		2011.40
3/31/2026		Northwest Paper Statement Fee March		5.00	2006.40
4/7/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	4348.22		6354.62

4/7/2026	3621	Michael Morton (Tortoise Children's program for Hamburg)		150.00	6204.62
4/7/2026	3622	Village of Hamburg Community Foundation Summer Concert Series		125.00	6079.62
4/7/2026	3623	Jordan Roeder (Reimbursement for Hamburg Scavenger Hunt)		149.50	5930.12
4/7/2026	3624	DEMCO (Organizers and new tables for the Lake Shore Library to be reimbursed by the Friends of the HPL, including various library supplies for Hamburg )		3923.72	2006.40
4/9/2026	on-line	Amazon (supplies for Adult craft program at Lake Shore and Seed Share at Hamburg Library)		94.10	1912.30
4/9/2026	on-line	Amazon (Replace broken changing station in men's restroom)		277.38	1634.92
4/14/2026	3625	Laurie Obrochta (reimbursement for Easter egg hunt at Lake Shore)		172.22	1462.70
4/14/2026	3626	Creative Advertising Specialties (Ceramic mugs and drawstring backpacks)		1265.00	197.70
4/14/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1808.70		2006.40
4/21/2026	on-line	Amazon program needs		239.16	1767.24
4/21/2026	3627	Lakeshore Learning Material LLC (Carnegie Grant – Natural Accent classroom carpet)		507.83	1259.41
4/21/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	746.99		2006.40
4/28/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1894.78		3901.18
4/28/2026	on-line	Amazon (Hamburg & Lake Shore program needs)		174.62	3726.56

4/28/2026		Northwest Deluxe check order		27.25	3699.31
4/28/2026	3628	Lakeshore Learning Material LLC (2 portable replacement CD players to be reimbursed by the Friends of the HPL )		220.16	3479.15
4/29/2026	3629	Hamburg Floor Covering (HPL contribution to replace walk off at Buffalo St. entrance.		1500.00	1979.15
4/30/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	6617.56		8596.71
4/30/2026	3630	DEMCO (Carnegie Grant – Connector Bench and Browser Bin)		6617.56	1979.15
4/30/2026		Northwest Bank paper Statement April		5.00	1974.15
5/5/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	926.04		2900.19
5/5/2026	3631	DEMCO – Carnegie Grant: (Whitney Brothers Nature Reading Haven with Floor mat)		926.04	1974.15
5/8/2026	3632	Fowlers Chocolate (Fowler’s Chocolate fundraising )		720.00	1254.15
5/12/2026	3633	B J's Wholesale (yearly renewal membership)		95.00	1159.15
5/12/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	815.00		1974.15
5/19/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	339.17		2313.32
5/19/2026	3634	DEMCO (Carnegie Grant – Balance of Reading Haven bill)		200.00	2113.32
5/19/2026	3635	Laurie Obrochta (Reimbursement for program expenses)		139.17	1974.15

**Final Balance: \$1,974.15**

### Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/24/2026	Deposit (Town of Hamburg stipend)	3000.00		70392.31
3/24/2026	Deposit Copier funds	220.00		70612.31
3/27/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,606.80	69005.51
3/31/2026	Northwest interest for March	0.60		69006.11
3/31/2026	Northwest Paper Statement March		5.00	69001.11
4/7/2026	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	211.40		69212.51
4/7/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		4,348.22	64864.29
4/8/2026	Deposit (The Friends of the HPL reimbursement)	7543.38		72407.67
4/9/2026	Deposit (March Book Sale & Donation Box Lake Shore Library)	336.00		72743.67
4/14/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,808.70	70934.97
4/21/2026	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	152.00		71086.97
4/21/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		746.99	70339.98
4/28/2026	Deposit (Hamburg Donation Box)	53.00		70392.98
4/28/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,894.78	68498.2
4/30/2026	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to		6,617.56	61880.64

		Checking for bills)			
4/30/2026		Northwest interest for April	0.58		61881.22
4/30/2026		Northwest Paper Statement fee April		5.00	61876.22
5/5/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	93.00		61969.22
5/5/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		926.04	61043.18
5/6/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore April Book Sale & Donation Box and copier)	242.00		61285.18
5/12/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		815.00	60470.18
5/19/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	193.50		60663.68
5/19/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		339.17	60,324.51

**Final Balance: \$60, 324.51**

Through a grant from the Carnegie Foundation, the Hamburg Library purchased several items including seating, book bins, and a reading nook for the Kid's Space area.

The Friends of the HPL provided reimbursement for tables and display holders ordered for the Lake Shore Branch Library.

The Library contributed \$1500 toward replacement of the walkoffs (carpet) at both public entrances at the Hamburg Library with the Buildings and Grounds Department paying the balance. Total cost: \$5507.13

The remaining expenditures since the last meeting were fairly routine.

Proceeds from book sales, candy sales, and mugs: 3/19/2026 – 5/18/2026 = \$864.40