

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 17 @ 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 and Lake Shore libraries in September and October. All time slots continue to be filled at both locations with an increasing number of first time donors at the Hamburg Library.

Leaf Cleanup

On October 25, Boy Scout Troop #1910 out of Trinity Episcopal Church raked up leaves around the grounds of the Hamburg Library. Councilmember Megan Comerford, who is involved with the troop, offered their services. Afterwards, the troop was treated to cider and donuts.

Community Meeting

On October 30, Assemblymember Jon Rivera and Grace Bogdanove, vice president of 1199 SEIU held a public forum at the Hamburg Library. The discussion focused on the impact to health care in relation to the Big Beautiful Bill. There were 45 attendees.



Scavenger Hunts

Scavenger Hunts in September and October.

Hamburg Library

In September the scavenger hunt theme was “What do elves learn in school?” there were 403 participants and in October there was 556 participants.

Lake Shore Library

In September, a Paddington Scavenger Hunt, in celebration of Paddy’s birthday, was featured. The children followed Paddington bear as he traveled through London with 48 participating.

October featured an adorable Halloween Scavenger Hunt to celebrate the holiday with 304 participating. Children received spider rings, skeletons, bats, stickers, candy, and buttons as prizes.

Therapy Dogs

Hamburg Library

Read into Kruz

On October 18, Kruz the therapy dog visited and 30 people enjoyed reading and spending time with Kruz.

Lake Shore Library

Paddy the Reading Dog

On September 27, Paddy celebrated her 3rd birthday with 128 attendees. Cupcakes were served. Children made suit cases and watched a Paddington movie. Paddy was given a bag of his favorite toys.



Paddy also visited on October 11 and 25 and November 8 with 85 attendees.

Hamburg Library

Programs offered this month include:

Seed Share

The Hamburg Library Seed Share has continued to receive numerous donations from community members. From these donations, Librarian Jordan and Senior Page Emily have processed the seeds into smaller envelopes with labels and made them available to the public with the outdoor seed library. In total, the seed share has been stocked with 1,749 seed packets and counting in 2025.



LEGO Club

Senior Pages Lauren and Emily coordinated LEGO Club, which is held the 1st Saturday and 2nd Wednesday of each month. This is for children ages 6 to 11. Children use their imagination to make wonderful creations. Afterwards, they are displayed in the Children's Area. Hamburg YES (Youth Engaged Services) volunteers assist with this program. In October there were 19 participants and on November 1st there were 20 participants.

Bricks-To-Go

On September 24, the Hamburg Library began circulating LEGO Bricks-To-Go kits. Patrons are able to take home a container of LEGOs and a baseplate to build their own creative work. They are then displayed in the Children's Area when returned. Twenty one kits have circulated since November 19.

Story Time

Story Times are held twice a day, every Wednesday for a seven week period. Each session consists of a welcome song and greeting, three stories relating to a theme, songs with movements and flannel boards for children's engagement, and a related craft at the end. This program is geared towards children 2-5 years old. Story Time had 190 participants total over 4 weeks in September and 118 over 2 weeks in October.



Baby Bounce

In October and November, Librarian Nicole held lapsit story time for children ages 0-2. The program is held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. In October there were 102 attendees. On November 10 there were 34 attendees. Each child receives their own book to hold during the program.

Button Day

Button day is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Supplies are placed on a table for participants. After completing their design, participants come to the public service desk to get their button made. In October there were 30 participants.

Camp Create

Librarian Jordan hosted Camp Create, a monthly craft program for kids aged 6-12, on September 22 and October 27 from 6-7pm. In September, 29 attendees participated in

making Travel Tic-Tac-Toe games with drawstring pouches and painting rocks. In October, 24 participants created Ghost Garlands with twine and recycled book pages.



Colorful Tuesdays

Librarian Nicole and Librarian Trainee Sarah coordinated Colorful Tuesdays, which is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Coloring supplies are put out for participants to enjoy! There were a total of 22 participants in October and 3 participants in November.

Hispanic Heritage Month

On September 21, the Hamburg Library celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a program presented by the Hamburg Coalition for Equity and Inclusion. Assemblymember Jon Rivera joined in for a book reading geared toward children ages 4-8. Loteria (Spanish Bingo) was played and prizes given. Treats were provided by La Flor Bakery. There were 16 children and adults.

Pokémon Club

Librarian Jordan hosted the program Pokémon Club for children ages 6-12 on October 14 from 4-6pm, with 15 children and 6 adults in attendance for a total of 21. Children learned how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game, which teaches them strategy, math, and improves reading comprehension. There were two adult volunteers from the community to help out with the program. Children were also able to do Pokémon themed crafts, such as create your own Poke ball and Pokémon headbands.

Director's Book Club

Book Club is held the 3rd Friday of the month. October's title was, *What you are Looking for in the Library* by Michiko Aoyama with 15 members in attendance. Discussions are always lively and stimulating.

Teen Art Night

Librarian Jordan hosted a Teen Art program on September 29 for ages 13-17. At this event, 9 teens created book page pumpkins out of discarded books, branches, and paint.



Cookbook Club

Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted the monthly Cookbook Club on October 15 from 6-7pm. Everyone chose a recipe from the cookbook of the month and brought it to share. October's theme was Halloween. With two cookbooks: *The Unofficial Hocus Pocus Cookbook* by Bridget Thoreson and *Recipes for Murder: 66 Dishes that Celebrate the Mysteries of Agatha Christie* by Karen Pierce. There were 9 adults in attendance for October.

Banned Books Week

Banned Books week was celebrated from October 5-11. On October 8 Librarian Nicole partnered with our community partners at Rainbow collective to celebrate the freedom to read. Thirteen participants wrote a post card to their favorite banned author, participated in "Where's Waldo?" scavenger hunt, and perused an interactive display of statistics and banned books. Nicole gave a brief presentation on the history of banned and challenged books as well as the importance of the freedom to read.



Book a Technology Trainer

On October 10, a technology trainer hosted Book a Technology trainer sessions at the Hamburg Library. During this time patrons are able to receive one on one individual training to get help with their tech needs! A total of 6 patrons participated.

Psychics and Mediums

On October 16, Cris Johnson did a presentation on how psychics recreate stunts to convince people of their abilities. Discussion included: stunts and effects mediums use to supposedly prove they can contact the deceased and famous psychics and spiritualists in history. Attendees had the opportunity to have their fortunes told. There were 24 people in attendance.

Halloween Party

On Monday October 20, a Halloween Party was held with 200 attendees. Children came dressed in their Halloween best. Activities included: creating popcorn hands, door hanger making, treat bag craft, and coloring sheets. The Friends of the Library assisted in running the scavenger hunt, where attendees searched for bones! They also manned a table to try and recruit new members. Hamburg YES (Youth Engaged Services) also volunteered and ran the popcorn hands craft and assisted with clean up.

Local Author Visit

On October 21, local author Megan Walrod hosted an event to discuss her latest book *It's Always Been Me* with 5 attendees.



Village Trick or Treat

On October 25, the Hamburg Library participated in the annual village trick or treat. A total of 641 families visited between the hours of 12pm and 2pm.

Teen Advisory Group

On November 3, Librarian Jordan hosted the first Teen Advisory Group Meeting for teens in grades 7-12. At this informational meeting, 5 teens attended and discussed their interest in the library and the group, what they would like to see in the Young Adult collection, current programs that they enjoy (Teen Art Night!), future programs they would like to see, and some community outreach they would be interested in participating in. These ideas will be further discussed and implemented at the next meeting in December.

Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning

On November 8, The New York State Homeland & Security Service, in partnership with Assemblymember Jon Rivera, presented the New York Citizen Preparedness Training Program with 40 attendees. This program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. Everyone who attended received a backpack with emergency supplies.

Kid Librarian

Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted six Kid Librarians, one each on September 20, September 29, October 4, October 13, October 28, and November 1. Kid Librarians were Aiden Isaacs, Raegan Payne, Madison Sherry, Luca Bermingham, Connor Ostrander, and Amelia Jurkowski. The Kid Librarians worked with Librarian Trainee Sarah to curate a display of a topic of their choice to feature in the Children's Area. Aiden chose the theme *Graphic Novels*, Raegan created a display for her favorite author, *Roald Dahl*, Madison, Amelia and Connor each created *Favorites* displays, and Luca chose the theme *The Scariest Books You've Ever Read!* Each Kid Librarian created a poster to display with their collection using the program Canva. The Kid Librarian program helps children to feel a sense of ownership in the library and the Children's Area.



Displays

Librarian Trainee Sarah created an interactive *Banned Books* display in the Children's Area and Teen Area for October featuring banned books and resources to learn more about attempts to ban books in libraries. Librarian Trainee Sarah created displays for *Native American Heritage Month* in the Children's and Young Adult Areas, and *Cozy Books for Food Lovers to Devour* in the Adult and Children's Areas. Librarian Trainee Sarah also created displays in the Children's Area for *Halloween*, *STEAM/STEM Day*, and *Fat Bear Week*. Librarian Sarah created displays in the Adult Area for *Dark Academia* and *Aviation History Month*.





Lake Shore Library

Programs offered this month include:

StoryTime ShookUp!

Miss Laurie hosted Story time Shookup! in September and October for children ages 2-5 focusing on literacy, listening, and socialization. Stories and crafts were Halloween-themed with 266 attendees.

Baby Bounce

Miss Laurie hosted Baby Bounce in September and October with 241 in attendance. Children ages 6 months-2 years engaged in music, play, and board books. The babies were introduced to fall-themed activities.

LEGO Club

LEGO Club was held on September 27 and October 25 with a total of 45 attendees. Families made their own creations. Their work was displayed in the Children's Area.

Cookbook Club

On October 13, Library Associate Laurie hosted the monthly Cookbook Club. Everyone chose a recipe from the cookbook *Happily Homemade* by Rachel Schultz. The club celebrated Halloween with 15 in attendance. Cookbook Club met up again on November 10 to share in a Thanksgiving feast with shared dishes from *Cook's Illustrated All Time Best Holiday Entertaining* by America's Test Kitchen, also with 9 in attendance.



Adult Craft Night

On September 22, Library Associate Laurie guided 26 ladies through a Sweet-as-can-Bee Honeycomb Creation. On October 20, Laurie hosted 30 crafters making a Hocus Pocus Halloween Hoop.



Adult Book Club

Library Associate Laurie facilitated the discussion for the monthly Book Club on September 29. The group discussed *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver and *Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritsen with 10 attendees. Refreshments were served. On October 27, the group discussed *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin with 8 attendees. Newsletters are sent to participants providing background information, fun facts, and recommended reads.

Halloween Boo-Bash

On October 25, Library Associate Laurie hosted a Halloween Party. Cider and donuts were served. There were craft stations and games. Families made masks, pumpkins, bats, and haunted houses. They also played the Witches Hat Ring-Toss, Sticky Spider, Lend a Skeletal-Hand Relay, and Candy Corn Bowling. There were 136 children who attended in full costume.



Book Sale

A book sale was held on November 5, 6 and 8. There were adult and children's books available, as well as, DVDs. All items were priced at \$0.25 the first two days. A \$3.00 bag sale was held on Saturday. The money raised will go toward programs and other initiatives.



Class Visit

On October 16, Cloverbank Elementary visited with 22 students. They checked out books and were issued new library cards.

Displays

Lake Shore celebrated the Autumn Season. Library Associate Laurie brought in mums and fall wreaths for both doors.



The League of Women Voters set up a voting display in the front glass case. After Election Day, the case was changed out for a Thanksgiving-themed display.

In October, a Halloween book display was created in the children's area. In November, that display was replaced with turkey-themed books.

Also in October, Library Associate Laurie set up a book display honoring the passing of Jane Goodall. In November, it was replaced to honor the passing of Diane Keaton. These were displayed in the adult area.



Children's Craft and Interactive Stations

The children's area offered family fun with stuffed footballs, fidgets, pop-its, wooden blocks, and Halloween pillows and plushies. In October, the children's tables featured

stuffing pumpkins and crafting haunted houses. In November, families made owl and turkey crafts.



Outreach

Hamburg Library

Smarty Pants Day Care

On October 2, Librarian Jordan visited Smarty Pants Childcare to read stories to 2 different classes. Between the Kinder-Ready room and the Pre-k room, Librarian Jordan read to 24 participants at the day care. On November 6, she read to 25 participants.



Giving Garden

On October 6, Librarian Jordan went to the Hamburg Seeds of Living Education (S.O.L.E.) Giving Garden across from Union Pleasant Elementary to host a Story Time. Twenty five participants enjoyed several stories, interactive rhymes, a craft, and garden activities.



Movie @ the Hamburg Palace Theatre

Librarian Trainee Sarah attended an outreach event at the Hamburg Palace Theatre on October 18. Assemblymember Rivera's office hosted a family movie day at The Palace, showing *Hotel Transylvania* and welcoming local groups to participate. Librarian Trainee Sarah set up table with Hamburg Library events and information, and a *Haunted Hotel Craft* for kids to make. There were a total of 25 people who visited the library table.

Union Pleasant Elementary School Book Fair Night

On November 6, Librarian Nicole attended Book Fair Night at Union Pleasant Elementary. Samantha Kaufman, a former summer practicum student, volunteered. Children got to make fall-related crafts. In addition, Nicole had informational materials on hand. In all, they saw 98 children and parents.

Classroom Collections

Smarty Pants Childcare is currently the only participant in the classroom collections program. Their books are dropped off with the class visit at the beginning of each month. In October they requested books about Fire Safety, Friendship, and Halloween, and borrowed 22 books total. In November they borrowed 26 books about Colors and Shapes, Veteran's Day, Hibernation, and Thanksgiving.

Lake Shore Library

BrightPath Daycare

On October 24 and November 7 Library Associate Laurie visited 6 classrooms totaling 177 students. She read three stories to each class.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Hoth, Director

Hamburg Public Library – October 2025 Report

Circulation Statistics

	October 2025	October 2024	% Change
Hamburg	19,191	19,358	- 0.9 %
Lakeshore	5,096	6,272	-18.8 %

Patron Door Counts

	October 2025	October 2024	% Change
Hamburg	8,271	8,112	2.0%
Lakeshore	2,924	3,054	- 4.3%

Computer Sessions

	October 2025	October 2024	% Change
Hamburg	685	770	- 11.0 %
Lakeshore	161	201	- 19.9%

Wi-Fi Sessions

	October 2025	October 2024	% Change
Hamburg	2,317	2,110	9.8 %
Lakeshore	452	511	-11.5 %

***Note:** The Lake Shore Library was closed for two days in October due to no heat.

**2025 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/30/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	260.04		2,785.64
9/30/2025	4834	Larry Davis (Mileage reimbursement for September)		80.04	2,705.60
9/30/2025	4835	Cintas (September floor mat replacement for Hamburg and Lake Shore)		180.00	2,525.60
10/8/2025		M & T Service Charge October		7.58	2,518.02
10/9/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	442.94		2,960.96
10/9/2025	4836	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for ratchet set)		46.99	2,913.97
10/9/2025	4837	Laura W. Cunningham (Mileage reimbursement for September)		25.03	2,888.94
10/9/2025	4838	ECWA		33.00	2,855.94
10/9/2025	4839	WM Corporate Ham refuse		249.04	2,606.90
10/9/2025	4840	Guis Lumber (Hamburg Maintenance October)		88.88	2,518.02
10/16/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	77.13		2,595.15
10/16/2025	4841	ECWA (Lake Shore water 7/2-10/2/25)		77.13	2,518.02
10/23/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to	484.53		3,002.55

		Checking for bills)			
10/23/2025	4842	ECWA (Hamburg water bill 7/2 -10/1/25)		484.53	2,518.02
10/30/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	429.08		2,947.10
10/30/2025	4843	Cintas Corp (October floor mat replacement for Hamburg and Lake Shore)		179.48	2,767.62
10/30/2025	4844	USPS (Stamps for Hamburg and Lake shore)		249.60	2,518.02
11/6/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	264.98		2,783.00
11/6/2025	4845	Guis Lumber (Hamburg Maintenance October)		156.00	2,627.00
11/6/2025	4846	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill October)		33.00	2,594.00
11/6/2025	4847	Larry Davis (Mileage reimbursement for October)		59.98	2,534.02
11/6/2025	4848	Laura Cunningham (Mileage reimbursement for October)		16.00	2,518.02

Final Balance: \$2,518.02

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/25/2025		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	225.84		5,734.56

9/30/2025		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	145.40		5,879.96
9/30/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		260.04	5,619.92
9/30/2025		M & T interest for September	0.09		5,620.01
10/9/2025		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	43.25		5,663.26
10/9/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		442.94	5,220.32
10/9/2025		Deposit (Lake Shore September Fine Revenue)	132.90		5,353.22
10/16/2025		Deposit (System Return)	2,812.50		8,165.72
10/16/2025		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	223.65		8,389.37
10/16/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		77.13	8,312.24
10/23/2025		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	109.05		8,421.29
10/23/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		484.53	7,936.76
10/30/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		429.08	7,507.68
10/31/2025		M & T Interest for October	0.12		7,507.80
11/6/2025		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	180.55		7,688.35
11/6/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		264.98	7,423.37

Final Balance: \$7,423.37

Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/17/2025	online	Amazon (Purchase of Thermo-bind for book repair)		48.51	1995.42
9/17/2025	online	Amazon (Program supplies of color paper, spoons and foam)		38.08	1957.34
9/18/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1155.41		3112.75
9/18/2025	3582	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for replacement of refrigerator and a local author book framing)		1068.82	2043.93
9/30/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	389.41		2433.34
9/30/2025	3583	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for fall Decor at Lake Shore and Hamburg)		90.87	2342.47
9/30/2025	on-line	Amazon (Teen section tables and beads and supplies for a fall craft)		155.54	2186.93
9/30/2025	3584	Creative Advertising Specialties (pens with logo)		143.00	2043.93
9/30/2025		Northwest paper statement September		5.00	2038.93
10/16/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	819.87		2858.80
10/16/2025	3585	Lakeshore Learning Material LLC (Summer items voted on by children and reimbursed by the Friends of the Library)		469.87	2388.93
10/16/2025	3586	Cris Johnson (Program for adults: psychics & mediums)		350.00	2038.93

10/23/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	552.82		2591.75
10/25/2025	3587	Nicole Brown (scavenger hunt prizes and Halloween party supplies)		208.68	2383.07
10/25/2025	on-line	Amazon (Magazine rack & craft supplies)		344.14	2038.93
10/30/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	215.53		2254.46
10/30/2025	3588	Village of Hamburg Community Foundation (4 Holiday wreaths for Hamburg; Hamburgh Holidays fundraiser)		108.00	2146.46
10/30/2025	3589	Jordan Roeder (Supplies for Teen Advisory meeting and scavenger hunt)		107.53	2038.93
10/31/2025		Northwest paper statement October		5.00	2033.93
11/3/2025	online	Amazon (craft for Christmas program and office supplies)		71.78	1962.15
11/6/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	71.78		2033.93

Final Balance: \$2,033.93

Northwest Private Account – Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/18/2025		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	118.25		63219.58
9/18/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,155.41	62064.17
9/25/2025		Deposit (Hamburg Donation)	1000.00		63064.17
9/30/2025		Deposit (Hamburg Donation)	25.00		63089.17

9/30/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		389.41	62699.76
9/30/2025		Northwest Interest September	0.52		62700.28
9/30/2025		Northwest paper statement		5.00	62695.28
10/9/2025		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box	150.50		62845.78
10/9/2025		Deposit (Lake Shore September Book sale)	135.00		62980.78
10/16/2025		Deposit (Hamburg copier and donation box)	1014.24		63995.02
10/16/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		819.87	63175.15
10/23/2025		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	109.25		63284.40
10/23/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		552.82	62731.58
10/30/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		215.53	62516.05
10/31/2025		Northwest interest October	0.53		62516.58
10/31/2025		Northwest paper statement October		5.00	62511.58
11/6/2025		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	115.00		62626.58
11/6/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		71.78	62554.80

Final Balance: \$62,554.80

Expenditures were fairly routine since the last board report. Program Supplies were utilized for programs at both sites as well as a new magazine rack for the comic books and fall and holiday events and programs. We received reimbursement from the Friends of the Library for our summer reading prize and incentives for the Hamburg and Lake Shore Library. Our quarterly system return check was received in October. Lake Shore ran a discarded book sale in November.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs: 9/11/2025 – 11/11/2025 = \$1,034