

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, November 15 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Lake Shore Library

Music Garden Grand Opening

On October 30 a grand opening was held for our new music garden at the Lake Shore Library. It wasn't the best of fall days, but we managed! Attendees included Assemblymember Jonathan Rivera, Catherine Lee, vice president and Anita Metzger, trustee of the Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees, B&ECPL System Director John Spears, Carima El-Beairy, vice chair of the System Board of Trustees, Councilmember Elizabeth Farrell Lorentz, Phillip Gow, field director, Congressman Nick Langworthy's office, Donna Ludwig, president of the Hamburg Friends, Paula Gober, co-president of the Hamburg Garden Club, and Kelsey Capruso, marketing and communications manager for Art Services, Inc. A short ceremony was held outdoors with refreshments served afterward. Children from Bright Path, formerly EduKids came by to play the instruments. This writer stated that this is the only public library in Erie County that has an outdoor music garden!



Staff Anniversaries

Eileen McDonald's staff anniversary was celebrated and was recognized for 22 years of service! Congratulations Eileen!!

Staff Arrivals

We said hello to Jaime Bink. Jaime was hired as a Librarian part time for both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries.

Book a Technology Trainer Sessions

The Techknow Lab visited the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries in September and October holding one-on-one 45-minute technology training sessions.

At the Hamburg Library, 7 people received instruction over 2 days. On September 14 a Book a Technology Trainer session was held at the Lake Shore Library with 2 attendees.

Banned Books Week

On October 7, a Banned Books Readout was held at the Hamburg Library for children ages 6 to 12 with 12 children and adults in attendance. Guest readers included Assemblymember Jon Rivera, Jackie Hoak, and this writer. Several banned books were displayed. Several giveaways including bracelets, bookmarks, and buttons were handed out to all. A tote bag with two banned books was given away to Leela, one of the attendees.

At the Lake Shore Library, Banned Books Week was celebrated with a display, giveaways, and a raffle to "Name the Banned Book" with 10 participants. The winner received a tote bag with two banned books.

Amazon Wish List

The Hamburg Library received nearly \$100 in items by multiple community members. These items will be used for programming and in the Sensory Nook. The items include: Play Doh tools, feathers, mini canvases, 24 watercolor sets and a spinning stacking toy.

At the Lake Shore Library, a patron donated \$160 worth of items. These items were received at the end of October and will be used for library programming and passive play. Patron Maureen Hammond donated \$60 worth of items.

Red Cross Blood Drives

Blood drives were scheduled at both libraries during September and October.

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness events were held at both libraries by Erie County and New York State. On September 19 and 28 kits were distributed to 45 individuals each. On October 18 a Citizens Preparedness training was held at the Lake Shore Library with 9 in attendance. On October 27 a training session sponsored by Assemblymember Jon

Rivera was held at the Hamburg Library with 57 attending. Afterward, each participant received a backpack with emergency supplies and a winter weatherization kit.

Scavenger Hunts

Hamburg Library

A Halloween hunt was held inside the building.

Lake Shore Branch

Scavenger hunts were held in September and October. A Roald Dahl-themed scavenger hunt had 75 participants and a football-themed scavenger hunt had 95 participants.

Take and Makes

Take and make crafts were created and distributed during September and October with 100 distributed at the Hamburg Library monthly. Take and makes were available at the Lake Shore Library in September and October for a total of 18.

WNY Foster Closet

The Hamburg Library is serving as a drop off location for WNY Foster Closet. They provide clothing and other items to children who have been placed in the foster care system. They are located in the old LensCrafters store in the McKinley Mall. Donations are being accepted from October through the holidays.

Leaf Cleanup

On October 28, Boy Scout Troop #1910 out of Trinity Episcopal Church raked up leaves around the Hamburg Library. Megan Comerford, who is involved with the troop contacted this writer about any projects or work that needed to be done. This writer was very grateful for all their efforts. Afterward, they were treated to cider and donuts!



Hamburg

The Golden Snowball Trophy

The Hamburg Library is honored to display The Golden Snowball Trophy during November. The trophy has made the rounds in WNY, including the Buffalo Wing Festival, Buffalo Museum of Science, Vidler's 5 & 10 store, The Buffalo & Erie County Central Public Library, the Bflo Store, and many more. Recently it was on display at the Blueberry Treehouse Café in West Falls, NY and Becker Farms in Gasport.



Dynamic Shelving Project

New genre sections were added to our initial trial in the picture book section. These books are placed in blue bins at the beginning of the section and are labeled. New collections include: ABC, 123, Bilingual, Dinosaurs, Emotions, Family, I Spy, Magical Creatures, Movie and TV Characters, Pets, Royalty, School, Superhero, and Vehicles. In Adult Fiction, book easels were purchased to display 3 books on each eye-level shelf throughout the section. In Science Fiction and Fantasy, fantasy stickers were added to distinguish the genres.

Classroom Collections

A new childcare center, Churchill Child Center in Boston, was added to provide monthly classroom collections.

Village Trick or Treat

The Hamburg Library was a participating location in the annual Village Trick or Treat on October 28. During the 2 hours, we had 959 people visit for a treat.

Programs offered this month include:

Kruz in to Read

Kruz is a certified therapy dog that visits regularly on Saturday mornings. In September, we had about 10 attendees at each session. In October, Kruz saw 41 people!

Writer's Workshop with Lissa Marie Redmond

On September 16, local author Lissa Marie Redmond presented tips for writing and publishing work. There were 23 in attendance.

Baby Bounce

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta continues to hold a storytime for birth-2 year olds on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month with 271 children and parents attending.

Family Storytime

Storytime with Miss Laurie resumed on September 6. Each session over the 6 weeks had between 25-45 children in attendance.

Tales at Twilight

Librarian Ashley continues to hold the evening storytime with a focus on sensory play and process art. Each session has 20-40 people in the room.

Bookworms

Librarian Ashley held a monthly book club for middle grade students. In September *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien was discussed and in October the group discussed *The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier.

LEGO Club

Senior Page Lauren continues to hold LEGO Club twice a month. Each session has 15-20 children in attendance.

Outreach Programming

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. Miss Ashley read to 56 children.

Storytime in the Giving Garden

Librarian Ashley presented a fall storytime in the Giving Garden, located at 150 Pleasant Ave. There were 36 in attendance.

Civil War Bands & Bandsmen

On October 4, Mark Jones presented a program on bands and bandsmen during the Civil War with 8 adults and children in attendance. His very informative PowerPoint presentation was supplemented with photos and instruments.

Estate Planning

On October 10, Equitable Advisors presented on estate planning. There were 2 in attendance.

Basics of Medicare

On October 16, Senior Services of North America presented on the basics of Medicare. There were 9 in attendance.

Healthy Eating for the Holidays

On October 18 Jennifer Johnson of New Sky Coaching talked about how to manage your weight during the holidays. Nine people attended.

Visiting Local Authors

On October 19, Local Author Karen Wielinski visited to talk about the books she has written since the tragic day of Flight 3407. Seven attended her talk.

On November 1, local author Richard Robison visited to talk about his book, *The Boy From Nowhere*. It tells the story of young Richard who moved from place to place in the 1960s as his parents seek the American dream. It is about disconnection and loss.

Cookbook Club

Guest hosts Librarians Karen McClure and Claudia Yates hosted the monthly cookbook club. There were 20 in attendance at each session in September and October.

Director's Book Club

Book Club was held on September 15 and October 20. September's title was, *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede with 14 in attendance. October's title was, *The Couple Next Door* by Shari LaPena with 18 in attendance.

Village Business Advisory Council (VBAC)

Librarian Ashley continues to serve on the board of the VBAC.

Lake Shore

Programs offered this month include:

Story Time with Miss Stephanie

Story times were held in September and October on various themes with a total of 85 children and adults.

LEGO Club

LEGO Club was held on September 30 and October 28 with 28 total attendees. LEGO Club in September had a Mario Brothers theme. The new movie was screened.

Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 21 a Halloween Party was held with 40 attendees. Kids dressed up in their favorite costume. There were spooky stories, crafts, and goodies.



Passive Craft

In October a passive “make your own monster” craft was put out with 12 children participating.

Cookbook Club

Cookbook Club met on September 11 with 10 attendees. Recipes were chosen from *Healthy in a Hurry* by Danielle Walker. On October 9 recipes were chosen from *Soup Swap* and *The New England Soup Factory Cookbook*. There were 11 in attendance.

Adult Book Club

On September 25 a discussion of *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin was held with 7 in attendance. On October 30 a discussion of *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix was held with 7 participants.

Adult Craft Night

Adult Craft Night was held on September 18 with 15 attendees. Attendees made sugar scrubs. Adult Craft Night was held on October 16 with 19 attendees. The participants made fall collages with magazines.

Outreach

Librarian Stephanie Molnar continued to visit Bright Path every other Friday each month. Stephanie reads to 138 in October.

Programs for Adults

Class Visits

Several classes from Bright Path and Cloverbank Elementary visited in September and October. Bright Path visited on September 14 with 12 students and their teachers. Cloverbank Elementary visited on October 4 and 25 with a total of 92 students and teachers. Many of them registered for library cards and checked items out.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hoth – Director

Hamburg Public Library - October 2023 Report

Circulation Statistics

	October 2023	October 2022	% Change
Hamburg	19,597	18,706	6.7%
Lakeshore	6,766	6,124	10.5%

Patron Door Counts

	October 2023	October 2022	% Change
Hamburg	8,759	7,334	19.4%
Lakeshore	3,756	2,578	45.7%

Computer Sessions

	October 2023	October 2022	% Change
Hamburg	831	790	5.2%
Lakeshore	198	186	6.5%

WiFi Sessions

	October 2023	October 2022	% Change
Hamburg	1,643	1,610	2.0%
Lakeshore	586	324	80.9%

**2023 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/11/2023		M & T Service charge		5.29	2,797.24
9/14/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	71.38		2,868.62
9/14/2023	4636	Cintas (Rugs Hamburg & Lake Shore 8/31/2023)		71.38	2,797.24
9/21/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	35.70		2,832.94
9/21/2023	4637	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for Book worms program expenses)		12.28	2,820.66
9/21/2023	4638	Stephanie Molnar (reimbursement for craft night at Lake Shore)		23.42	2,797.24
10/5/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	926.87		3,724.11
10/5/2023	4639	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	3,691.11
10/5/2023	4640	Cintas Corp (Rugs Hamburg & Lake Shore September)		142.76	3,548.35
10/5/2023	4641	Brian Hoth (September Mileage Reimbursement)		25.75	3,522.60
10/5/2023	4642	Laura W. Cunningham (September Mileage Reimbursement)		16.00	3,506.60
10/5/2023	4643	Waste Management (Hamburg refuse removal 10/1/2023 -12/31/2023)		686.38	2,820.22
10/5/2023	4644	Guis Lumber (Maintenance for Hamburg		22.98	2,797.24

		& Lake Shore September)			
10/12/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	49.11		2,846.35
10/12/2023	4645	Stephanie Molnar (reimbursement for Lake Shore Programming)		49.11	2,797.24
10/19/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	512.77		3,310.01
10/19/2023	4646	ECWA (Water Bill for Hamburg & Lake Shore 7/2/2023 -10/1/2023)		463.78	2,846.23
10/19/2023	4647	Laurie Obrochta (reimbursement for fall programming Hamburg & display case at Lake Shore)		48.99	2,797.24
11/2/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	223.32		3,020.56
11/2/2023	4648	Stephanie Molnar (reimbursement for Program supplies at Lake Shore)		25.78	2,994.78
11/2/2023	4649	Cintas Corp (Rugs Hamburg & Lake Shore October)		142.76	2,852.02
11/2/2023	4650	USPS (Stamps for the libraries)		54.78	2,797.24

Final Balance: \$2,792.24

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/14/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	123.86		4,493.51
9/14/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		71.38	4,422.13
9/14/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore fine and printing	183.68		4,605.81

		revenue for August)			
9/21/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		35.70	4,570.11
9/28/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	164.75		4,734.86
9/29/2023		M & T Interest	0.08		4,734.94
10/5/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	139.50		4,874.44
10/5/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		926.87	3,947.57
10/12/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	169.15		4,116.72
10/12/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		49.11	4,067.61
10/19/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		512.77	3,554.84
10/19/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore fine and printing revenue for September)	71.58		3,626.42
10/26/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	144.45		3,770.87
10/31/2023		M & T Interest	0.07		3,770.94
11/2/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	153.19		3,924.13
11/2/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		223.32	3,700.81

Final Balance: \$3,700.81

Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/21/2023	online	Amazon Capitol Services (Program Supply needs for Hamburg Library)		101.34	2268.04
9/28/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	228.84		2496.88
9/29/2023		Northwest bank statement fee		5.00	2491.88
9/28/2023	3469	Home Life, Inc. (Practical Homeschooling Magazine subscription for Lake Shore)		27.50	2464.38
9/28/2023	3470	Mark Jones (Presentation on Civil War Bands and Bandsman)		100.00	2364.38
10/5/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	138.42		2502.80
10/5/2023	3471	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for fall decorations for the Libraries)		138.42	2364.38
10/19/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	166.99		2531.37
10/19/2023	3473	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for candy for Village Trick of Treat)		31.98	2499.39
10/19/2023	3474	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for program supplies for Bookworms)		27.87	2471.52
10/19/2023	3475	Buffalo and Erie County Library (Print Material purchased from Memorial Donation)		107.14	2364.38
10/20/2023	3476	Hamburgh Holidays (4 Wreaths)		108.00	2256.38
10/26/2023	on-line	Amazon (Program Supply needs for Lake Shore Library utilized Literary Grant)		178.31	2078.07

10/26/2023	3477	Eastern Copier (Toner for Lake Shore Library copier)		32.63	2045.44
10/26/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	318.94		2364.38
10/31/2023		Northwest monthly bank statement fee		5.00	2359.38
11/2/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	565.96		2925.34
11/2/2023	3478	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Music Garden Grand Opening)		183.54	2741.80
11/2/2023	3479	Fowler (Candy for Fundraising)		252.00	2489.80
11/2/2023	3480	ULINE (Cups for programming for Lake Shore)		130.42	2359.38

Final Balance: \$2,359.38

Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/14/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore Library Eastern copier)	30.80		29614.27
9/14/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore August Book Sale)	209.97		29824.24
9/21/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale and Donation Box)	94.50		29918.74
9/28/2023		Withdrawal		228.84	29689.9
9/29/2023		Northwest Interest September	0.25		29690.15
9/29/2023		Northwest Paper statement		5.00	29685.15

10/5/2023		Deposit (Health Literacy Grant – Lake Shore Library)	173.75		29858.9
10/5/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale and Donation Box)	151.75		30010.65
10/5/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		138.42	29872.23
10/12/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Library Eastern Copier)	129.00		30001.23
10/19/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale and Donation Box)	143.00		30,144.23
10/19/2023		Deposit (Friends of the Library Music Garden Plantings)		3.500	33644.23
10/19/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		166.99	33477.24
10/19/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore September Book Sale)	114.50		33591.74
10/19/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore Eastern Copier)	21.25		33612.99
10/26/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Library Donation Box)	15.00		33627.99
10/26/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		318.94	33309.05
10/31/2023		Northwest Interest October	0.27		33309.32
10/31/2023		Northwest Paper statement		5.00	33304.32
11/2/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Library Donation Box)	25.00		33329.32
11/2/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		565.96	32763.36

Final Balance: \$32,763.36

The Friends of the Library donated \$3,500 towards the plantings in the Lake Shore Music Garden in October. In addition the Lake Shore Library received a Literacy Grant for \$173.75. Lake Shore and Hamburg received numerous donations from the Amazon Wish List including: Ready to learn Dough Tools, Set of 6 - Arts and Crafts for Kids, Sculpting Tools to Roll, Cut/Mold and Flatten, Art Supplies for

Pottery and Dough, Fat Brain Toys Spin Again Kids Stacking Toy, Canvases for Painting - Pack of 12, 4 x 4 Inch Blank White Canvas Boards - 100% Cotton Art Panels for Oil, Acrylic & Watercolor Paint, etc.

All other transactions were fairly routine over this period.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs: 9/6/2023 -11/7/2023 = \$796.74