

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, March 7 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Lake Shore Library

Weekly and monthly take & makes for children and teens continue to be very popular at both libraries!

A Red Cross Blood Drive was held on Monday January 24 from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

I was asked to write a letter of recommendation for Young Audiences of Western New York (YAWNY) for a grant they are pursuing for additional Erie Canal programming.

The Hamburg Public Library continues to be a site for mobile office hours hosted by Assemblymember Rivera. The next scheduled date is Friday, April 8 from 9am to 11am.

On Saturday, January 15, Donald Ernst, a Boy Scout with Troop 411, delivered his Eagle Scout Project to the Lake Shore Library. Donald made 2 sensory boards for both libraries. A picture was taken and sent to The Hamburg Sun for publication. It was also posted on Facebook. We are very grateful for Donald and look forward to working with his troop on future projects.



On Wednesday, January 26, I was a judge for Union Pleasant Elementary School's annual spelling bee. This is the 3rd year I was asked to judge.

On Friday, February 4, I attended a Library Advocacy meeting sponsored through WNYLRC, which included Senator Sean Ryan, Assemblymember's Jonathan Rivera and William Conrad. I spoke about the importance of adequately funding library construction aid.

On Monday, February 7, I met with Mike Bennett, from Buildings & Grounds and Dave Carson, from IPL about the interior lighting at the Lake Shore Branch. I am looking to pursue a future construction grant.

On Thursday, February 10, Board President Michelle Parker and I met with Supervisor Randy Hoak and Councilperson Megan Comerford, the new library liaison, about rehabilitating the parking lot at Lake Shore and other building needs. Mr. Hoak was very receptive and appreciates the value of our libraries.

On February 16, I attended a Library Advocacy Day Prep training session sponsored by the New York State Library Association (NYLA) ahead of Library Advocacy Day scheduled for March 2.

Caretaker Sean McSkimming has been designated "Time Lord" because he was able to get the antique clock running again. The clock hadn't worked for several months and we couldn't figure out why!



On Wednesday, February 23 I held a meeting with librarians Ashley Cassidy, Stephanie Molnar, Leslie Carr, and Library Associate Laurie Obrochta to discuss spring programming. We discussed adding Lego Club and going live and in-person with both Cookbook clubs.

On Wednesday, March 2 Donna Ludwig, president of the Friends of the Hamburg Public Library and I attended Library Advocacy Day virtually and met with an aid to Assemblymember Jon Rivera. I spoke about the importance of increasing Library Construction Aid. Board President Michelle Parker met with Senator Sean Ryan on Thursday, March 4.

On Friday, March 4 I attended the State of the Town address held by Supervisor Randy Hoak. The in-person event was held in Swan Hall at Hilbert College.

Hamburg

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta (Miss Laurie) did a nice job creating displays for Valentine's Day and combination Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick's Day in the display case.

I again put the word out that the display case and table are available to groups/organizations. The Hamburg Garden Club approached me about reserving the table in June.

Programs offered this month include:

Sunday Screening

On Sunday, February 20 *Frozen II* was shown with 28 children and adults in attendance. That was our biggest attendance since restarting the event after Covid. Miss Laurie had the idea of putting together a Frozen II basket as a giveaway. In order to be eligible to win, attendees had to come to the movie. The winner was Joey Aidala. Popcorn was also served.

Story Time w/Miss Laurie

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta resumed in January with some modifications. To assist in Covid-19 safety precautions, 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.

Phoebe the Reading Dog

Phoebe, a licensed therapy dog, visited in January. Children read stories to her every other Saturday. She was on vacation for February but will return in March.

Storytime with Smarty Pants Childcare

Librarian Ashley Cassidy visited Smarty Pants Childcare in January and February to conduct a storytime with the 3 and 4 year old classes. She also continues to provide classroom collections of 25 books per box each month.

New Daycare Relationship

In February, a representative of Creative Play Daycare in Getzville called to set up a classroom collection with the Hamburg Library. We will supply 25 books each time and

the representative will pick them up at the library. The representative lives locally, although the daycare itself is not. She reached out to us when the library near the daycare was unable to provide the service.

Seed Share

We received large donations of seeds from Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds (third year of donation), Pase Seeds located in North Collins, and a community patron. The seeds are being sorted into small packets of 10-15 seeds to be made available in the Seed Share. Since the Seed Share opened in September 2020, we have provided more than 6,000 seed packets to our community.

Book Bundles

We began offering custom Book Bundles one year ago. Patrons submit a request to us through a Google Form with information such as interests and age. Ashley then fills the request. To date we have filled 54 requests. Our Picture Book Bundles continue to be available in the children's area for browsing. These have helped increase circulation of children's and desk staff has received many compliments and words of support for their availability.

Scavenger Hunts

Scavenger hunts in the children's area continue to be popular. In January, we continued the Snowflake Scavenger Hunt and 165 people participated. In February, we had a Presidents Scavenger Hunt in which 205 people participated. Senior Page Jayne Gannon assisted in identifying fun facts about the presidents for the scavenger hunt.

TWOS-Day Contest

On 2/22/22, we offered a special contest to celebrate the big day. A winner was randomly selected from the entries to receive a gift certificate for two 2-topping pizzas (personal size) from Nino's Pizzeria (\$22 value). Those participating could: find a friend willing to dress up as your "twin" and email a photo of the two of you to ham@buffalolib.org, or stop in the library during business hours on Tuesday, February 22 and let us take your photo. This option gave 2 extra entries. Our winner was Tomi Shisler, with her young daughter.

Daisy Troop Tour

On Monday, February 7, I conducted a behind-the-scenes tour to a local Daisy troop. They were able to see areas the public doesn't. Many received their very first card that

evening! Afterwards, I read stories about responsibility and they each received a take & make craft.

Cookbook Club

Librarian Leslie Carr has moderated the Facebook Group for Virtual Cookbook Club. It is a place to discuss and share recipes. Patrons can also pick up a sample of the Spice of the Month at the library, to use at home and post in the group. We currently have 26 members in the Facebook Group, and 8 samples of spices have been picked up at the library.

Director's Book Club

Book Club was held on the 3rd Friday of the month in January and February. January's book was *The Library Book* by Susan Olean and February's book was *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett. Both were well attended with 12 and 8 participants respectively.

Local Author Christina M. Abt

On January 27, bestselling author Christina M. Abt visited us to discuss her new book *Money or Love, Internet Dating from the Far Side of 40*. There were 4 patrons in attendance.

Spring Garden Maintenance

On Thursday, February 24, Master Gardener Lyn Chimera gave a highly informative and interesting presentation on preparing your home garden for spring with 8 people in attendance. Those in attendance asked many questions, and she stayed late to make sure all topics were covered.

Lake Shore

Caretaker Sean McSkimming put together the new shelving unit that was purchased. It really helped to expand and improve the overall look of our collections.

Programs offered this month include:

Cookbook Club

Cookbook Club was held virtually on Monday, January 10 and February 14 with 3 attendees each. Recipes were chosen from Jamie Oliver's website in January and Disney's website in February. We are planning to back to in-person in April.

Adult Craft Night

Librarian Stephanie Molnar held craft night on January 24 with 3 attendees and February 28 with 12 attendees. In January, the group recycled old t-shirts into bags. In February, the group painted wooden ducks.



EduKids

On Thursday, February 24, 11 children and their teachers visited to listen to stories by Stephanie and receive a sticker. Classes will begin visiting as the weather gets warmer.

Story Time

Stephanie held story time was held on Tuesdays in January and February with 42 children and adults in attendance. Myra, the reading dog visited on January 25 to the delight of children and adults.

Olympics Scavenger Hunt

Olympic-related sports symbols were placed in and around the Children's area for participants to find. 30 children participated during February. Each child was given a prize.

Hamburg Public Library – January 2022 Report

Circulation Statistics

	January 2022	January 2021	% Change
Hamburg	9,580	6,889	39.1%
Lakeshore	3,166	2,095	51.1%

Patron Door Counts

	January 2022	January 2021	% Change
Hamburg	5,241	3,220	62.8%
Lakeshore	2,469	1,492	65.5%

Computer Sessions

	January 2022	January 2021	% Change
Hamburg	688	486	41.5%
Lakeshore	171	121	41.3%

WiFi Sessions

	January 2022	January 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,434	1,049	36.7%
Lakeshore	388	265	46.4%

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Hoth – Director

**2022 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
12/30/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	184.86		5658.04
12/30/2021	4435	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		119.12	5538.92
12/30/2021	4436	Stephanie Molnar (LSH programming reimbursement for take-in-makes)		49.74	5489.18
12/30/2021	4437	Brian Hoth (Dec. mileage reimbursement)		16.00	5473.18
1/10/2022		M & T service charge		5.04	5468.14
1/13/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	171.84		5639.98
1/13/2022	4438	ECWA (Monthly water bill Hamburg)		33.00	5606.98
1/13/2022	4439	Guis Lumber (December expense)		65.10	5541.88
1/13/2022	4440	Sean McSkimming (Hamburg Maintenance reimbursement)		23.90	5517.98
1/13/2022	4441	Laurie Obrochta (Dec. 2021 mileage reimbursement)		4.00	5513.98
1/13/2022	4442	Laurie Obrochta (Hamburg Jan. Programming and Take n Makes)		45.84	5468.14
1/20/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	340.06		5808.2
1/20/2021	4443	Waste Management (Lake Shore Garbage removal (1/1-3/31)		340.06	5468.14

1/27/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	173.21		5641.35
1/27/2022	4444	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		119.12	5522.23
1/27/2022	4445	ECWA (Lake Shore water bill 10/1 - 1/1/2022)		54.09	5468.14
2/2/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		56	5524.14
2/2/2022	4446	Stephanie Molnar (Jan. mileage reimbursement)		8.00	5516.14
2/2/2022	4447	Brian Hoth (Jan. mileage reimbursement)		20.00	5496.14
2/2/2022	4448	Sean McSkimming (Jan. mileage reimbursement)		28.00	5468.14
2/4/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	370.72		5838.86
2/4/2022	4449	ECWA (Water bill Hamburg 10/1 - 1/1/2022)		339.78	5499.08
2/4/2022	4450	Guis Lumber (Hamburg maintenance)		30.94	5468.14
2/10/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	53		5521.14
2/10/2022	4451	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	5488.14
2/10/2022	4454	Bob Adler (Dues for ACT Membership)		20.00	5468.14
2/17/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	100		5568.14
2/17/2022	4453	Lyn Chimera Hamburg Spring Gardening program)		100.00	5468.14
2/24/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	10,237.27		15705.41
2/24/2022	4455	BECPL Return to System		10,118.15	5587.26

2/24/2022	4456	Cintas (Door mats replacement Hamburg & Lake Shore)		119.12	5468.14
3/3/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	245.05		5713.19
3/3/2022	4457	Guis Lumber (Hamburg & Lake Shore Maintenance)		116.31	5596.88
3/3/2022	4458	Stephanie Molnar (Feb. Mileage reimbursement)		8.00	5588.88
3/3/2022	4459	Amazon (Hamburg program supplies)		87.74	5501.14
3/3/2022	4460	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	5468.14

Final Balance: \$ 5,468.14

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
12/30/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		184.86	11,866.94
12/31/2021	M & T Interest	0.2		11,867.14
1/5/2022	Hamburg (Dec. 2021 fine revenue)	196.9		12,064.04
1/5/2022	Lake Shore (Dec 2021 fine revenue + misc.)	409.36		12,473.40
1/13/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	367.85		12,841.25
1/13/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		171.84	12,669.41
1/20/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	221.45		12,890.86
1/20/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		340.06	12,550.80

1/27/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	266.75		12,817.55
1/27/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		173.21	12,644.34
1/31/2022	M & T Interest	0.21		12,644.55
2/2/2022	Deposit (HAM fine revenue)	296.86		12,941.41
2/2/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		56	12,885.41
2/4/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		370.72	12,514.69
2/8/2022	Deposit (Lake Shore fine revenue)	222.97		12,737.66
2/10/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	208.05		12,945.71
2/10/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		53	12,892.71
2/17/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	415.5		13,308.21
2/17/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		100	13,208.21
2/24/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	222.5		13,430.71
2/24/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		10237.27	3,193.44
3/3/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	305.95		3,499.39
3/3/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		245.05	3,254.34

Final Balance: \$ 3,254.34

Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
1/5/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	16.00		2028.41
1/5/2022	3317	Fowlers chocolate (Balance due)		16.00	2012.41
1/20/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	172.04		2184.45
1/20/2022	3318	Amazon (Lake Shore Book Sale)		172.04	2012.41
1/27/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	102.16		2114.57
1/27/2022	3319	Stephanie Molnar (Lake Shore Program supplies)		29.96	2084.61
1/27/2022	3320	Brodart Co. (Hamburg Program Supplies)		25.07	2059.54
1/27/2022	3321	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (Hamburg Program supplies)		47.13	2012.41
1/17/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	232.00		2244.41
2/17/2022	3322	Traveler's Insurance (Liability insurance)		232.00	2012.41

Final Balance: \$2012.41

Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
12/30/2021		Deposit (Donation from a patron)	100.00		38069.86
12/21/2021		Northwest Bank interest December	0.32		38070.18

1/5/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale from 2021)	53.50		38123.68
1/5/2022	Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale from 2021 + \$10.80 donation box)	108.30		38231.98
1/5/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		16.00	38215.98
1/13/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	75.50		38291.48
1/20/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		172.04	38119.44
1/27/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	120.25		38239.69
1/27/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		102.16	38137.53
1/31/2022	Northwest Bank Interest January	0.32		38137.85
2/8/2022	Lake Shore (Book Sale + \$95.89 Donation box)	189.89		
2/10/2020	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale + \$25.51 for a Book Donation - memorial)	180.76		38318.61
2/17/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale + \$10 Donation box)	128.00		38446.61
2/17/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		232.00	38214.61
3/3/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	131.00		38345.61
3/3/2022	Deposit (donation from a patron)	2,000.00		40345.61

Final Balance: \$40,345.61

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

12/28/2021 - 3/2/2022 = \$670.50