

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 2 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Hamburg Library

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

Red Cross Blood drives were held on Monday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 23 at both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries.

The Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries continue to be sites for mobile office hours hosted by Assemblymember Rivera and Senator Ryan.

Hamburg

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta (Miss Laurie) did her usual creative displays for Valentine's Day, a combination of Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick's Day, and a Hamburg Library historical display for "Love Your Library Month" in the display case.

The Hamburg Library reached 3,100 page likes on its Facebook page in April! Facebook continues to be an effective means to share information about the library and the Hamburg community, as well as library-related news.

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.

"Terry" and "Thelma" are coming soon to the Reading Garden!



Programs offered this month include:

Sunday Screening

On Sunday, March 20 and April 10 *Luca* and *Rouge One* were shown respectively with 12 and 2 children and adults in attendance.

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.

LEGO Club

On Saturday, April 9 LEGO Club resumed in-person. Senior Page Shannon led the program with the assistance of a volunteer. We limited the program to 20 participants.

Solar Design Challenge

On Thursday, April 26, New Yorkers for Clean Power and EDF Renewables presented a program for teens on solar power with 5 teens in attendance. Attendees built their own solar powered car.

Local Author Visits

On Thursday, March 10 local author Tom Fox presented a workshop on “How to Get Published” for teens with 11 in attendance. On Wednesday, March 23 local children’s author Aaron Measer visited and read his latest book, *My Day with Grandma*, a story about what happens when a young child spends the day with his grandma to 37 children and parents during our weekly Family Storytime. On Tuesday, April 12 Lissa Marie Redmond visited to discuss her latest book, *The Parting Glass* with 20 in attendance.



Family Reading Night

On Friday, March 25 Librarian Ashley Cassidy and Page Sarah England participated in Family Reading Night at Hamburg Middle School. This year's theme was "Reading is Magic." The event draws in families to participate in an evening of activities at the middle school. They offered a sand art activity in small vials, which they called Potion Making. The event drew 815 people.

Medicare Workshop

On Thursday, March 31 Senior Services of North America presented an educational program on applying for Medicare with 4 adults in attendance. They learned about the eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Phoebe the Reading Dog

Phoebe, a licensed therapy dog, visited in March. Children read stories to her every other Saturday.

Storytime with Smarty Pants Childcare

Librarian Ashley Cassidy provided classroom collections for 3 classes (25 books each) based on their weekly themes of authors/reading, dinosaurs and fairy tales. Ashley visited to provide a storytime to 2 classes on Thursday, March 3 and April 7. In April she provided materials on gardening, our earth, and weather.

Identity Theft Seminar

On Thursday, April 28, Senior Services of America presented on protecting families against identity theft.

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

We offered a Spring Bloom Scavenger Hunt throughout March in the Children's Area. Participants located flowers that bloom in the spring, and returned to the desk for a prize. We had 214 children and 107 adults complete the scavenger hunt. In April we had a Reading Rabbit Scavenger Hunt, where participants located letters to solve the question "What kind of book does a rabbit like at bedtime?" So far we have had more than 320 complete the hunt.

Cookbook Club

Cookbook Club resumed in person on Wednesday, April 20. We had 7 attendees prepare a one-pot dish to share. The program was led by Librarian Leslie Carr.

Director's Book Club

Book Club was held on the 3rd Friday of the month in March and April. March's book was *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel and April's book was *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. Both were well attended with 9 and 6 in attendance respectively.

Technology Classes

In March the TechKnow Lab resumed library visits with a Home Internet Setup class. In April we held an Editing Digital Photos class with 11 attendees. Participants said they would be interested in coming back for a repeat of the class.

Chromebooks and Hotspots

The Hamburg Library now has Chromebooks and Hotspots available for checkout. Each can be checked out for a 7-day loan and renewed twice. Equipment that is overdue will be deactivated. Patrons are financially responsible for lost or damaged kits.

Winter Reading Contest

Jenny Barr was the recipient of an Amazon gift card in the library system's Winter Reading Contest.

Lake Shore

New exterior LED lighting was installed over a two day period in the parking lot.

Programs offered this month include:

Scavenger Hunts

A Women's History Month scavenger hunt was held in March where kids found famous women around the library to win a prize. We had 35 participants. An Earth Day scavenger hunt was held in April where kids found alternative energy sources around the library and won a packet of seeds. As of this writing, we had 25 participants.

LEGO Club

On Friday, March 26 the Lake Shore Library hosted Lego Club with 15 attendees. This is a self-directed program. Children are free to come up with any creation they like. Their creations are displayed throughout the library for the month.

Encanto Party

On Wednesday, March 30 Librarian Stephanie Molnar hosted an Encanto Party. 26 children played games, made crafts, colored, and ate tasty Encanto-themed snacks.



Cookbook Club

On Monday, April 11 Cookbook Club was back to being held in-person with 12 participants including the director 😊. Recipes were chosen from *Fix It with Food* by Michael Symon.

Adult Craft Night

Librarian Stephanie Molnar hosted Adult Craft Night on March 21 and April 22. Fourteen participants made essential oil rollers using such oils as Bergamot, Jasmine, Peppermint, and Lavender. 16 participants made seed bombs.

EduKids

Students from EduKids visited on March 24 and April 7. We had 18 kids and 5 adults total. Three books are read and each kid is given a sticker.

Story Time

Winter Storytime, presented by Librarian Stephanie Molnar was held on Tuesdays in March at the Lake Shore Library. The themes were famous women, St. Patrick's Day, transportation, and Eric Carle. The combined attendance of parents and children was 52.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 9 we held an Easter egg hunt with 22 kids and 12 adults in attendance. Kids colored egg hunt bags and then found eggs around the children's area. There was also a craft handed out.



Adult Book Club

Book Club was held on Monday, April 25 with 7 attendees. The group discussed *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck.

Saturday Movies

On Saturday, March 12 we showed the movie "Clifford the Big Red Dog" in our meeting room with 6 attendees. On Saturday, April 16 we showed the movie "Sing 2" in the meeting room with three attendees. Myrra the Reading Dog was, on hand both times.



Respectfully submitted, Brian R. Hoth - Director

Hamburg Public Library - March 2022 Report

Circulation Statistics

	March 2022	March 2021	% Change
Hamburg	10,852	10,352	4.8%
Lakeshore	3,794	3,707	2.3%

Patron Door Counts

	March 2022	March 2021	% Change
Hamburg	6,815	4,937	38%
Lakeshore	3,104	2,348	32.2%

Computer Sessions

	March 2022	March 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,015	812	25%
Lakeshore	256	163	57.1%

WiFi Sessions

	March 2022	March 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,898	1,591	19.3%
Lakeshore	431	398	8.3%

**2022 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/8/2022		M & T monthly service charge		4.85	5358.26
3/10/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	59.55		5417.81
3/10/2022	4461	Brian Hoth (February mileage reimbursement)		12.00	5405.81
3/10/2022	4462	Laurie Obrochta (Reimbursement for Hamburg January Programs)		47.55	5358.26
3/17/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	59.97		5418.23
3/17/2022	4463	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement Hamburg Youth Program supplies)		59.97	5358.26
3/24/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	174.43		5532.69
3/24/2022	4464	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		122.52	5410.17
3/24/2022	4465	Sean McSkimming (Reimbursement for Security System Battery back-up)		29.95	5380.22
3/24/2022	4466	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement for Lake Shore March Encanto Program)		21.96	5358.26
3/31/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	60.41		5418.67
3/31/2022	4467	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement for Lake Shore March Programming Supplies)		60.41	5358.26

3/31/2022		Deposit (Uncashed checks over 6 months old)		-24.00	5382.26
4/7/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	657.06		6039.32
4/7/2022	4468	Brian Hoth (March mileage reimbursement)		24.00	6015.32
4/7/2022	4469	Ashley Cassidy (Reimbursement for Hamburg March Programming Supplies)		19.38	5995.94
4/7/2022	4470	Stephanie Molnar (March mileage reimbursement)		4.00	5991.94
4/7/2022	4471	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement for Lake Shore March Programming Supplies)		36.75	5955.19
4/7/2022	4472	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill 2/28/22-3/3/22)		33.00	5922.19
4/7/2022	4473	Waste Management (Hamburg refuse pick up 4/1/22-6/30/2022)		404.28	5517.91
4/7/2022	4474	Guis Lumber (Maintenance supplies for Hamburg and Lake Shore)		135.65	5382.26
4/14/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	177.26		5559.52
4/14/2022	4475	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		61.26	5498.26
4/14/2022	4476	USPS (2 rolls of Stamps)		116.00	5382.26
4/21/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	771.69		6153.95
4/21/2022	4477	ECWA (Lake Shore water bill 1/1-4/2/22)		53.91	6100.04
4/21/2022	4478	Rel Comm (Yearly Phone contract)		360.00	5740.04
4/21/2022	4479	ECWA (Hamburg water bill 1/1-4/2/22)		357.78	5382.26

Final Balance: \$5,382.26

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/10/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine Revenue)	570.5		3,925.01
3/10/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		59.55	3,865.46
3/15/2022	Deposit (Lake Shore fine revenue from Feb.)	224.35		4,089.81
3/17/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine Revenue)	302.89		4,392.70
3/17/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		59.97	4,332.73
3/24/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine Revenue)	308.44		4,641.17
3/24/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		174.43	4,466.74
3/31/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	237.4		4,704.14
3/31/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		60.41	4,643.73
3/31/2022	M & T Interest	0.07		4,643.80
4/7/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	169.1		4,812.90
4/7/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		657.06	4,155.84
4/14/2022	Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	190.58		4,346.42
4/14/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		177.26	4,169.16

4/21/2022		Deposit (Hamburg fine revenue)	139.36		4,308.52
4/21/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		771.69	3,536.83

Final Balance: \$3,536.83

Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/10/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	2045.16		4087.54
3/10/2022	3324	Buffalo & Erie County Public (Wood shelving for the Lake Shore Library)		2025.16	2062.38
3/10/2022	3325	Thomas Fox (Author visit to Hamburg)		20.00	2042.38
3/10/2022		Amazon Smile (Donation)	37.22		2079.60
3/16/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	161.39		2240.99
3/16/2022	3326	Amazon (program supplies for Hamburg Library and book repair supplies)		161.39	2079.60
3/31/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	479.10		2558.70
3/31/2022	3327	Brian Hoth (Hamburg reading garden decorations)		194.10	2364.60
3/31/2022	3328	Village of Hamburg (Summer Concert series)		125.00	2239.60
3/31/2022	3329	Young Audiences of Western NY (2021 Herschell Carousel program)		160.00	2079.60

3/31/2022		Deposit (uncashed checks over six months old)		-81.65	2161.25
4/7/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1885.00		4046.25
4/7/2022	3330	Venmill Industries (Hybrid Disc Cleaner to repair DVD, Blu-ray and CD's)		1885.00	2161.25
4/21/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	83.47		2244.72
4/21/2022	3331	ACT Workshop (Attendance for 3 individuals)		45.00	2199.72
4/21/2022	3332	Ashley Cassidy (Reimbursement for Program Supplies)		38.47	2161.25

Final Balance: \$2,161.25

Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
3/8/2022	NYS sales tax (Tax paid on Book Sale items)		566.83	40168.96
3/10/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	114.50		40283.46
3/10/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to		2,045.16	38238.3

	Checking for bills)			
3/15/2022	Deposit (Lakeshore Book Sale February)	123.00		38361.3
3/17/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale + \$15 Donation Box)	88.50		38449.8
3/17/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		161.39	38288.41
3/31/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	162.10		38450.51
3/31/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		479.10	37971.41
3/31/2022	Northwest Bank Interest	0.33		37971.74
4/7/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale +\$10 donation box)	114.00		38085.74
4/7/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,885.00	36200.74
4/8/2022	Deposit (Donation from Friends of the Hamburg Library for gift of the disc cleaner)	1885.00		38085.74
4/14/2022	Deposit (HAM Book Sale + \$25.00 donation box)	144.50		38230.24
4/21/2022	Deposit Donation Box	20.00		38250.24
4/21/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		83.47	38166.77

Final Balance: \$38,166.77

A big thank you to the Friends of the Library for the donation of our Disc cleaner in April! All other transactions were fairly routine.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

3/2/2022 -4/20/2022 = \$750.50