

**Director's Report**  
**Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, September 12 @ 6:00 PM**  
**To be held at the Hamburg Public Library**

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

Director Hoth has received compliments from patrons about the many programs we offer and how friendly and helpful the staff is at the Hamburg Library. The public committee of the Long Range Planning Committee was bowled over at how much we do and offer!

Red Cross Blood drives were held on Wednesday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 31 at both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries. Additional drives have been scheduled at the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries throughout the remainder of the year.

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

On Thursday, August 4 Librarians Ashley Cassidy, Stephanie Molnar, and Director Hoth visited ECC, South Campus to purchase items from the college's daycare, which was closing. Several items were purchased at a reasonable cost to enhance programming.

On Monday, August 15 Director Hoth visited Creek Bend Apartments on Buffalo Street to drop off program fliers and library card applications for residents interested in visiting the Hamburg Library. I will be dropping off fliers monthly. It's another opportunity to get more of the community to take advantage of our free programming and services.

On Wednesday, September 7, Director Hoth visited Assemblymember Jon Rivera's new satellite office on Main Street in the village. He met with Cheryl Quimba and Gamilia Jamil and gave them an "office warming" gift from Edible Arrangements and Hamburg Library mugs on behalf of the staff. Cheryl gave him the grand tour. They were grateful for the library's thoughtfulness!

Librarian Ashley Cassidy received some very nice comments about her Giving Garden program on Facebook!

Village Trustee Laura Hackathorn mentioned to Director Hoth how appreciative she is in receiving the monthly events for each library.

The Hamburg Library is now a VBAC member! Librarian Ashley Cassidy will be attending the monthly meetings. It's another way to network with more of the many volunteer organizations in the town and village and to promote the library's programs and services.

## *Hamburg*

The Fredrick Law Olmstead traveling exhibit is currently on display during September. The 4 panels show Olmstead's good works in Buffalo.

### **Summer Reading Program**

This summer we offered four programs: Birth-4, 5-11, 12-17 and 18+. The program ran June 20-August 13. Prizes were awarded throughout the summer as progress was made toward reading goals. Grand Prize winners were announced on August 17, through a video posted on our Facebook page.

Birth – 4 program: 76 participants submitted 186 reading logs. Ethan was the winner of the Twinkling Twilight Turtle.

Ages 5-11 program: 106 participants submitted 161 reading logs. Olivia was the winner of the LEGO set. Elizabeth the recipient of a certificate from Main Street Ice Cream.

Lena received a certificate to Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve.

Ages 12-17 program: 11 participants through ReadSquared. Ella was the winner of a JBL Bluetooth Speaker and Alex won a \$25 gift card to Kohl's.

Adult program: 25 participants through ReadSquared. Tracy received the \$50 14075 Gift Card. Sara, Margeaux, Kelly and Marisa won tickets to Hamburg Palace Theatre.

William won a certificate to Bella Pizza. Hayley received a Louise Penny box set.

Thank you to our local businesses that supported our Summer Reading Program: Bella Pizza, Comfort Zone Café, Hamburg Palace Theatre, Main Street Ice Cream, Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve, and, of course, the Friends of the Hamburg Public Library!

**Programs offered this month include:**

### **Story Time w/Miss Laurie**

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta led family storytime in the children's area, with 449 adults and children in attendance over 6 sessions.

### **Touch Tank with the Aquarium of Niagara**

Interest in the Touch Tank program was so great that we scheduled a second session just for those on the waiting list. Attendees came to learn about different invertebrates and then touch the creatures with a two-finger gentle touch.



### **LEGO Club**

LEGO Club continues to be a popular event. We expanded the number of people who can register up to 30 children. We offer the program once a month, led by Senior Page Shannon Carnall.

### **Code Kraken (Summer Fun Club)**

This 4 week program was held on Monday afternoons for ages 8 to 14 based on the summer theme, "Oceans of Possibilities".

July 11 – the first program was entitled, "Lost Cities Under the Sea", where children built lost civilizations and ruins from shipwrecks that were buried in the depths of the

sea. They also had a few buried islands and debris from tsunamis and other natural disasters.

July 25 – the second program was a “Bermuda Triangle Escape Room”. The children learned team building skills by working together to help a beleaguered pilot, Librarian Leslie Carr, get their plane to land safely in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

August 1--the third program was constructing a secret decoder ring. The participants had to build a ring of symbols to create their own personal message.

August 8 – finally the fourth program was “Sea Jeopardy”, based on the popular game show, where the participants shouted out questions to answers about lakes, oceans, seas, and rivers. The children were divided into 3 teams. Each team worked hard trying to get the most points to win school supplies.

Between 9 to 18 participants attended weekly.

### **Fintastic Flicks**

Throughout the summer we hosted movie afternoons for families on the theme of oceans.

### **Summer Screenings**

Throughout the summer we hosted movie evenings for adults on the theme of oceans.

### **Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body**

On July 7, the Alzheimer’s Association presented on current research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement to help incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

### **Buffalo Area Shipwrecks**

On July 19, Jack Messmer of the Buffalo Harbor Museum led a captivating and informative presentation on shipwrecks in Lake Erie. Included in the presentation was video he filmed himself during dives. We had 46 in attendance.

### **Oceans of Possibilities - Plastic Pollution with Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper**

On July 23, the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper presented on pollution in our local waterways to children ages 5-12. We learned how to make our own reusable bags out of t-shirts. There were 9 in attendance.

## **Summer Concert**

On August 2, Dick O'Dell and 23 Skidoo performed on the library's front lawn. We heard music of the Roaring 20s, with 45 in attendance.

## **Book a Technology Trainer**

The TechKnow Lab visited on August 12 to provide one-on-one computer training with patrons.

## **Cookbook Club**

Cookbook Club was held on Wednesday evenings in July and August with 10 adults attending monthly. Participants selected recipes from a cookbook chosen from Librarian Leslie Carr.

## **Director's Book Club**

Book Club was held on the 3rd Friday of the month in July and August. July's book was *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong. August's book was *Becoming* by Michelle Obama.

## **Phoebe the Reading Dog**

Phoebe made her return in August! The community was very excited to have her resume regular visits.

## **Storytime with Smarty Pants Childcare**

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to visit Smarty Pants Childcare once a month to provide storytimes for the Preschool and Kinder-Ready classes.

## **Storytime in the Giving Garden**

Librarian Ashley visited the Giving Garden on three separate occasions during the summer. She shared garden stories and songs. On July 26, she had a special session for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes at Union Pleasant Elementary.

## **Read Around the Village**

Union Pleasant Elementary School hosted pop-up reading events throughout the village this summer. The Hamburg Library was a location on August 3. There were 39 people reading on the library's front lawn!

## **HCSD Connects Class Visits**

Three second grade summer school classes from the Hamburg Central School District toured the Hamburg Library in July. The students designed their own library, took a tour of the children's area and heard a story.

## **Oceans of Possibilities Scavenger Hunt**

This summer we had an outdoor scavenger hunt outside on yard signs. Each sign featured a different ocean animal, with an interactive element. We had 633 participants throughout the summer.

## ***Lake Shore***

### **Programs offered this month include:**

#### **Scavenger Hunts**

Scavenger hunt themes for July and August were "Famous Sea Creatures" and "Pirate". There were 87 participants in July and 65 in August. Prizes were given out to all participants.

In addition, craft supplies were put out for children to use their imaginations based on a theme related to summer reading. July's theme was "Ocean Floor" with 50 participants and "Design a Pirate Flag" with 40 participants.

#### **LEGO Club**

LEGO Club was held on July 30 and August 27 with 7 total attendees. It continues to be a very popular program!

#### **Cookbook Club**

Cookbook Club was held on July 11 with 11 attendees and on August 8 with 14 attendees. In July we chose recipes from *Grilling with Martha Stewart* by Martha Stewart and in August we chose recipes from *Learning Korean* by Peter Serpico and *Healthy Latin Eating* by Angie Martinez.

## **Adult Craft Night**

Librarian Stephanie Molnar held Craft Night on the 2nd Monday, July 18 and August 15 with 12 and 10 people in attendance respectively. July's craft was painting tote bags; August's craft was making notebooks.

## **EduKids**

On Friday, July 29 Librarian Stephanie Molnar visited EduKids to read to four classes, for a total of 55 attendees. She also visited on Friday, August 12 with 39 attendees. She will continue to visit EduKids and read to the children outside, as weather permits, as they are not yet allowing indoor visitors.

## **Class Visits**

Students from EduKids visited on July 7 and 14 and August 4, 11, and 18. They had 45 kids and 14 adults total. Three books are read and each child is given a sticker.

## **Story Time**

Librarian Stephanie Molnar held 7 story times with 191 participants in total. Spring Story Time themes included opposites, frogs, robots, safari animals, fairy tales, bugs, and Winnie the Pooh.

## **Adult Book Club**

Book Club was held on Monday, July 18 and August 29 with 6 and 8 attendees respectively. July's book was *Dusk Night Dawn* by Anne Lamont. August's title was *Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly.

## **Book a Technology Trainer**

On Tuesday, August 9 we held a Book a Technology Trainer event through the TechKnow Lab with 2 attendees.

## **Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body**

On July 27, the Alzheimer's Association presented on current research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement to help incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

## Niagara Aquarium

On Saturday, August 20, we had a program with the Aquarium of Niagara with invertebrates. They had 52 attendees in the two time slots.

## Library Card Signups

In July, 55 new library card holders were registered (30 adults and 25 kids). In August, 23 new library card holders were registered (14 adults and 9 kids).

## Summer Reading Winners

Summer Reading ended on August 13.

Birth-Age 4: 29 participants who read 290 books. Grand Prize Winner of a Twinkling Twilight Turtle: Lily Brese.

Ages 5-11: 48 participants who read 25920 minutes. Grand Prize Winner of a Lego kit: Joseph Stewart. TY Fish: Paityn Mockbee. Ice Cream Gift Card to Main Street Ice Cream: Kayden Pachucki. Penn Dixie Pass: Lucy Markiewicz.

Teens (Ages 12-17): 3 participants who reread 846 minutes. Divergent Box Set: Carter Broadbent.

Adults (Ages 18+): 6 participants who read 1950 minutes. Comfort Zone Café Bundle: Christine Hillyer. Two Hamburg Palace Theatre Passes: Cindy Yau. Free Pizza from Bella Pizza: Cheri Schiavone





Library Clerk Alyssa Johnson designed and crafted the book drop at the public service desk to look like a treasure chest.



## Hamburg Public Library – August 2022 Report

### Circulation Statistics

	August 2022	August 2021	% Change
Hamburg	23,460	11,627	101.8%
Lakeshore	7,513	3,726	101.6%

### Patron Door Counts

	August 2022	August 2021	% Change
Hamburg	7,830	6,733	16.3%
Lakeshore	3,274	2,439	34.2%

### Computer Sessions

	August 2022	August 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1004	868	15.7%
Lakeshore	273	195	40%

### WiFi Sessions

	August 2022	August 2021	% Change
Hamburg	1,793	1,675	7.0%
Lakeshore	428	434	-1.4%

Respectfully submitted, Brian R. Hoth – Director

**2022 Financial Report  
Hamburg Public Library**

**M&T Business Account – Checking**

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/11/2022		M & T service charge checking		5.11	5359.09
7/14/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	33		5392.09
7/14/2022	4496	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	5359.09
7/21/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	56.91		5416
7/21/2022	4497	ECWA (Lakeshore quarterly water bill 4/2/22-7/2/22)		56.91	5359.09
7/28/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	487.46		5846.55
7/28/2022	4498	ECWA (Hamburg quarterly water bill 4/2/22-7/2/22)		357.78	5488.77
7/28/2022	4499	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	5359.09
8/4/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	99.4		5458.49
8/4/2022	4500	Guis Lumber (Hamburg maintenance expenses)		30.54	5427.95
8/4/2022	4501	Stephanie Molnar (July mileage reimbursement)		8.00	5419.95
8/4/2022	4502	Brian Hoth (July mileage reimbursement)		8.00	5411.95
8/4/2022	4503	Sean McSkimming (July Mileage reimbursement)		36.86	5375.09

8/4/2022	4504	Laura W. Cunningham (July mileage reimbursement)		16.00	5359.09
8/11/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	37		5396.09
8/11/2022	4505	Laurie Obrochta (July mileage reimbursement)		4.00	5392.09
8/11/2022	4506	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	5359.09
8/18/2022	4507	VBAC (Annual membership dues to Hamburg Village Advisory Council)		100.00	5259.09
8/25/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	229.68		5488.77
8/25/2022	4508	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	5359.09
9/1/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	158.7		5517.79
9/1/2022	4509	John W. Danforth Company (air filters)		95.60	5422.19
9/1/2022	4510	Sean McSkimming (August mileage reimbursement)		35.10	5387.09
9/1/2022	4511	Brian Hoth (August mileage reimbursement)		28.00	5359.09
9/8/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	181.57		5540.66
9/8/2022	4512	Stephanie Molnar (August mileage reimbursement)		27.12	5513.54
9/8/2022	4513	Laura Cunningham (August mileage reimbursement)		16.00	5497.54
9/8/2022	4514	Guis Lumber (Hamburg Maintenance Expenses)		89.92	5407.62
9/8/2022	4515	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water bill)		33.00	5374.62
9/8/2022	4516	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for		15.53	5359.09

		program expense)			
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**Final Balance: \$ 5,359.09**

### M&T Business Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/11/2022	Deposit (Lake Shore Fine & Printing Revenue for May & June)	194.7		4,543.47
7/14/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	241.2		4,784.67
7/14/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		33	4,751.67
7/21/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	189.85		4,941.52
7/21/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		56.91	4,884.61
7/28/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	199.5		5,084.11
7/28/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		487.46	4,596.65
7/29/2022	M & T Interest	0.08		4,596.73
8/4/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	168.77		4,765.50
8/4/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		99.4	4,666.10
8/11/2022	Deposit (Lake Shore Fine & Printing Revenue July)	131.25		4,797.35
8/11/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	210.95		5,008.30
8/11/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		37	4,971.30

8/18/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	228.05		5,199.35
8/25/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		229.68	4,969.67
9/1/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	203.25		5,173.00
9/1/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		158.7	5,014.30
9/8/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	30.75		5,045.05
9/8/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		181.57	4,863.48

**Final Balance: \$4,863.48**

### Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/14/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	40.00		2204.78
7/14/2022	3341	Leslie Carr (Reimbursement for Kraken teen program)		40.00	2164.78
7/19/2022	3342	Buffalo Harbor Museum (program cost)		50.00	2114.78
7/21/2022	3343	Stephanie Molnar (Reimbursement for Adult programs)		48.72	2066.06
7/21/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	98.72		2164.78
7/28/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	829.37		2994.15
7/28/2022	3344	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for		432.00	2562.15

		fundraising candy from Fowlers)			
7/28/2022	3345	Brodart Co. (supplies)		22.37	2539.78
7/28/2022	3346	Dick O'Dell (23 Skidoo music program)		375.00	2164.78
8/4/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	831.93		2996.71
8/4/2022	3347	DEMCO (library supplies)		75.94	2920.77
8/4/2022	3348	Creative Advertising Specialties (children's library card holders)		705.00	2215.77
8/4/2022	3349	Leslie Carr (reimbursement for Kraken teen program)		17.12	2198.65
8/4/2022	3350	Laura Obrochta (reimbursement for July take-n-makes)		33.87	2164.78
8/11/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	209.43		2374.21
8/11/2022	3351	Men's Health Magazine (subscription)		20.00	2354.21
8/11/2022	3352	Creative Advertising (Shipping cost for children's library card holder)		39.53	2314.68
8/11/2022	3353	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for annual Zoom renewal)		149.90	2164.78
8/18/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	825.31		2990.09
8/18/2022	3354	Grainger (upright vacuum and bags)		418.90	2571.19
8/18/2022	3355	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for giveaways for Earth Science Day at Penn Dixie)		352.91	2218.28
8/18/2022	3356	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for a Thrive Gift Card for summer reading prize)		53.50	2164.78
8/25/2022	3357	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for scavenger hunt prizes)		86.74	2078.04
8/25/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to	86.74		2164.78

		Checking for bills)			
9/1/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	189.90		2354.68
9/1/2022	3358	magazine subscription (Practical Homeschooling subscription)		50.00	2304.68
9/1/2022	3359	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for classroom CD players)		139.90	2164.78
9/8/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		30.99	2133.79
9/8/2022	3360	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Program Calendar )	30.99		2164.78

**Final Balance: \$ 2,164.78**

### Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/11/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale May & June + Donation box)	242.61		42265.62
7/14/2022		Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	35.50		42301.12
7/14/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		40.00	42261.12
7/21/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		98.72	42162.4
7/21/2022		Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	15.00		42177.4
7/28/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		829.37	41348.03
7/29/2022		Northwest Bank Interest	0.36		41348.39



8/4/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale )	179.25		41527.64
8/4/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		831.93	40695.71
8/9/2022	Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale July)	61.50		40757.21
8/11/2022	Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	20.00		40777.21
8/11/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		209.43	40567.78
8/18/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		825.31	39742.47
8/25/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	123		39865.47
8/25/2022	Deposit (Reimbursement from Friends group for summer prizes	278.43		40143.90
8/25/2022	Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	10		40153.90
8/25/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		86.74	40067.16
8/31/2022	Northwest Interest	0.34		40067.50
9/1/2022	Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	58.00		40125.50
9/1/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		189.90	39935.60
9/8/2022	Deposit (Hamburg Book sale + \$20.00 donation)	123.00		40058.6
9/8/2022	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		30.99	40027.61

**Final Balance: \$ 40,027.61**

Transactions were fairly routine since the last board meeting. The Friends of the library reimbursed us for the summer reading prizes which was deeply appreciated.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

7/6/2022 -9/7/2022 = \$614.15