

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, January 3 @ 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!

On December 14 I participated in a listening tour with several state legislators to discuss the needs and priorities of public libraries. In attendance were Senator Sean Ryan, chairman of committee on libraries; Assemblymember Kimberly Jean-Pierre, chairman of committee on libraries; Assemblymember Josh Jenson from Monroe County; and Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes.

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Middle Grade Collection

This month we finished our Middle Grade project, and all sections are available for browsing. We now have Nonfiction, Biography and Fiction dedicated to our 5th-8th grade readers. This project was a massive undertaking and only possible with the assistance of the entire staff. We have already received tremendous response from our community on social media and visitors in the library.

At the same time we placed the Middle Grade Nonfiction, we relocated a few other collections. Readers and Graphic Novels now have room to grow. VOX Books, music and audiobooks were moved to a more prominent location for patron discovery. Holiday was moved to the back of the Children's Area. New signage was created by the Graphics Department for the Children's Area to easily navigate and locate areas of interest. Librarian Ashley has also updated the Children's Tour video and posted on Facebook.

Also, we received a very nice comment from a patron from East Aurora who saw our Facebook post about the collection. She said her son is an avid read, but struggles to find appropriate and interesting content. She is happy we created this collection and will visit again.

A BIG thank you to all the staff for their diligence and effort in getting this project completed. A special appreciation goes out to Ashley for coming to me with this idea and coordinating it. This project took several months to complete.

Programs offered this month include:

Holiday Concert

On December 9, Don Lucarell and the Continentals performed a medley of Christmas favorites with 20 in attendance. Everyone had a good time! Some even got up and danced.

Stories with Santa

This program is part of Hamburg Holidays and continues to be a community favorite! Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Hamburg Library to read stories, sing songs, and answer questions from curious children. Due to Covid restrictions, there were 2 sessions scheduled with registration limited to 30 children and adults. There were double the amount of individuals on the waiting list. Take & make crafts were handed out at the end. Many of the parents had lots of nice things to say! A photographer from The Hamburg Sun came by to take pictures, which were included in the December 24 edition.



Phoebe the Reading Dog

Phoebe continues to visit on Saturdays to the delight of adults and children alike with 27 adults and children coming by that day! She has a regular following, and it is wonderful to hear about those who visit developing stronger literacy skills.

Story Time w/Miss Laurie

Miss Laurie's storytime's will start up again this month with limited attendance due to the continuing pandemic. There will be a different theme each week. They are scheduled on Wednesday mornings in the meeting room.

Storytime with Smarty Pants Childcare

Librarian Ashley continues to visit Smarty Pants Childcare each month to conduct a storytime with the 3 and 4 year old classes. We also continue to provide classroom collections of 25 books per box each month.

Cookbook Club

Librarian Leslie has created a Cookbook Club group through our Facebook page to engage our culinary enthusiasts while the group cannot meet in person. The group is set to private, so only members of the group can see responses from other members. Leslie posts discussion questions in the group, and also has a spice available for pick up at the circulation desk. In December a few packets of cinnamon were picked up, and the participants will post about their culinary creation in the group.

Director's Book Club

December's book was *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem with 12 in attendance. Afterwards, we watched the movie, which had nothing to do with the book. 😊

Remembrance Tree

The holidays aren't always merry for everyone, particularly those who have lost loved ones. We offered poinsettias for our community to place in the book tree in remembrance of a loved one. More than 50 poinsettias were placed.



Snowflake Scavenger Hunt

This month we offered a scavenger hunt in the Children's Area, where participants located matching snowflakes by color and shape. Nearly 200 people completed the hunt!

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends held a Mini Book Sale on December 11 and 12, with great attendance and majority of items sold. The Friends have also begun a membership drive, and the library has assisted with posting on Facebook and our website.

Orchid Donation

The library received a donation of two potted orchid plants from patron Deanne Sheehan.

Holiday Cards

Library Associate Laurie designed our holiday card that was distributed to library departments and branches. It was a very clever design using vintage library catalog cards.

Donations

We have received several monetary donations over the last several weeks from patrons who annually donate this time of year. I mail out letters of appreciation.

Lake Shore

I am working with the Red Cross to secure dates in 2022 for resuming blood drives.

Programs offered this month include:

Cookbook Club

Held on November 8 with 8 in attendance.

Cookbook Club went virtual on December 13 with 2 attendees. We chose recipes from the Pioneer Woman's website.

Adult Craft Night

Adult Craft Night met on Monday, December 20 with 11 attendees and 5 crafts distributed for take home crafting. We made ornaments and painted nutcrackers.

EduKids

A class from EduKids continued to make their weekly visits in December. We average 10 kids and 2 adults per week. Three books are read and each kid is given a sticker.

Myrra the Reading Dog

On Saturday, November 27, Myrra the Reading Dog visited the library with 1 visitor in attendance.

Story Time

Story time was held in December with 14 children and adults in attendance.

On Saturday, November 27 one of our patrons demonstrated how to make boxes out of old Christmas cards. This event had 3 attendees.

Hamburg Public Library - November 2021 Report

Circulation Statistics

	November 2021	November 2020	% Change
Hamburg	9,637	8,165	18.0%
Lakeshore	3,061	2,922	4.8%

Patron Door Counts

	November 2021	November 2020	% Change
Hamburg	5,344	3,608	48.1%
Lakeshore	2,296	1,785	28.6%

Computer Sessions

	November 2021	November 2020	% Change
Hamburg	727	441	64.9%
Lakeshore	210	126	66.7%

WiFi Sessions

	November 2021	November 2020	% Change
Hamburg	1,685	783	115.2%
Lakeshore	366	314	16.6%

* Back on 11/20/2020, our libraries were in a NYS Orange Micro-Cluster Zone. Our libraries were again closed to the public but offered curbside, walk-up, and drive through services. We re-opened with restrictions on January 4, 2021. Statistics are hard to compare when we were not open for a full month in November 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brian Hoth - Director

**2021 Financial Report
 Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/26/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	119.12		5627.35
11/26/2021	4428	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		119.12	5508.23
12/2/20221		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	32		5540.23
12/2/2021	4429	Brian Hoth (mileage reimbursement November)		32.00	5508.23
12/9/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	524.24		6032.47
12/9/2021	4430	Stephanie Molnar (reimbursement for program supplies)		139.71	5892.76
12/9/2021	4431	ECWA (Monthly water bill Ham)		33.00	5859.76
12/9/2021	4432	Guis Lumber (building material for middle grade shelves)		343.53	5516.23
12/9/2021	4433	Stephanie Molnar (mileage		8.00	5508.23

		reimbursement November)			
12/23/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	29.97		5538.2
12/23/2021	4434	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for program supplies)		29.97	5508.23

Final Balance: \$ 5,508.23

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/15/2021	Deposit (LSH Fine Revenue Oct)	342.54		11,125.99
11/18/2021	Deposit (HAM fine Revenue)	336.3		11,462.29
11/26/2021	Deposit (HAM fine Revenue)	152.85		11,615.14
11/26/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		119.12	11,496.02
11/30/2021	M & T Interest for November	0.18		11,496.20
12/2/2021	Deposit (HAM Fine Revenue)	203.3		11,699.50
12/2/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		32	11,667.50
12/7/2021	Deposit (LSH Fine Revenue Nov)	302.45		11,969.95
12/9/2021	Deposit (Ham Fine Revenue)	198.28		12,168.23
12/9/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		524.24	11,643.99
12/16/2021	Deposit (HAM Fine Revenue)	191.35		11,835.34
12/23/2021	Deposit (HAM Fine Revenue)	216.49		12,051.83

12/23/2021		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		29.97	12,021.86
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Final Balance: \$ 12,021.86

Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/12/2021	3308	Hamburg Holidays (Four Christmas wreaths from Hamburg Holidays)		104.00	1888.24
11/18/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	104.00		1992.24
11/18/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	28.12		2020.36
11/18/2021	3309	Buffalo & Erie County Library		28.12	1992.24
11/22/2021		Amazon Smile (donation)	20.17		2012.41
12/2/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1159.46		3171.87
12/2/2021	3310	DEMCO (LSH Shelving from Bullet Aid		1,144.48	2027.39
12/2/2021	3311	Brian Hoth (Christmas Cards)		14.98	2012.41
12/8/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	472.00		2484.41
12/9/2021	3313	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for Fowler's Candy fundraiser)		272.00	2212.41
12/9/2021	3314	Don Lucarell (holiday concert)		200.00	2012.41
12/16/2021		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1741.09		3753.50
12/16/2021	3315	Creative Advertising Specialties (Ceramic		1661.00	2092.50

		mugs, table cloth and library card holders)			
12/16/2021	3316	Amazon (laminating sheets and bags for take-n-makes)		80.09	2012.41

Final Balance: \$2,012.41

Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/15/2021	Deposit (LSH Book Sale Oct)	172.50		39397.68
11/18/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		104.00	39293.68
11/18/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		28.12	39265.56
11/26/2021	Deposit (HAM Book Sale)	120.00		39385.56
11/30/2021	Northwest Bank Interest	0.32		39385.88
12/2/2021	Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	300.00		39685.88
12/2/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1,159.46	38526.42
12/7/2021	Deposit (LSH Book Sale Nov)	69.50		38595.92
12/9/2021	Deposit (HAM Book Sale)	107.50		38703.42
12/9/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		472.00	38231.42
12/16/2021	Deposit (HAM Book Sale)	237.00		38468.42
12/16/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to		1,741.09	36727.33

	Checking for bills)			
12/23/2021	Deposit (HAM Book Sale)	112.50		36839.83
12/23/2021	Deposit (\$1000 Donation from Wahlenmayer, \$100 donation from Himelein and \$60.00 from donation box)	1,160		37999.83

Final Balance: \$37,999.83

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

11/19/2021 – 12/27/2021 = \$443.50