

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 22 @ 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!

Hamburg

Christmas Wreaths

I purchased 4 wreaths from Hamburg Holidays to place at our entrances. I also asked the Garden Club if they could place one each at the garden gate and sign at Buffalo St.

Binge Bundles

Binge Bundles are now available! These are themed bundles of movies, and can be found on the top of the audiobook shelves. We have topics such as genre, director, actor, movie series, and awards. These bundles do not include Foreign, Anime, or TV series. The bundles range from 3-6 titles, based on the needs of the theme. Congratulations goes to Ashley for coming up with the idea. Well done Ashley!

Outreach

Ashley began monthly outreach at Smarty Pants, a daycare near the Fairgrounds. She is doing programming for 2 of the 3 classes. She also asked if they would be interested in starting classroom collections. This is a box of 25 items that are checked out on an agency card. All 3 classes began this service in November. This will help in increasing our circulation.

Middle Grade Collection

This fall, the staff at the Hamburg Library has been working to create Middle Grade Fiction and Middle Grade Nonfiction sections. The Middle Grade Fiction section is complete and available for browsing. Middle Grade Nonfiction is still in progress and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. The books in these sections are identified as appropriate for readers in grades 5-8.

We are currently the only library in the system to create a section specifically for this age group. However, Middle Grade sections have been a growing trend in public

libraries across the United States, especially in larger collections. Research has shown that reading for fun begins to drop off around the age of 9. Separating the materials for our Middle Grade audience makes it easier for our patrons to locate items tailored to their interests, reading level, and school curriculum. We have already received a significant amount of positive feedback from our community!

Centennial Art Center

The CAC held their Fall Art Show from November 7 to December 3 with a reception on November 7.

Rental Assistance Session for Landlords

On November 5 an Emergency Rental Assistance session for Landlords was held at the Hamburg Library. The session was sponsored by Senator Sean Ryan's office and presented by the WNY Law Center.

Programs offered this month include:

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

An interactive outdoor scavenger hunt was set up from mid-October until mid-November, in which 175 people participated. Appreciation goes to Ashley and Maddy for putting this together. During the winter months, we will periodically hold a scavenger hunt indoors in the Children's Area.

Conductive Construction

This free program for children 5 and up was held on October 23 with 2 children in attendance. Kids got to learn about electricity using squishy circuits and conductive play dough. This program was a part of the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum and presented by Young Audiences of WNY (YAWNY.)

John Philip Sousa

Mark Jones, who is on the board at the Historical Society, presented a program highlighting the history and music of John Philip Sousa. He also supplemented his talk with photographs and other documents. 8 adults attended.

Phoebe the Reading Dog

Phoebe continues to visit on Saturdays to the delight of adults and children alike with 8 adults and children coming by that day! On October 2 Phoebe brought her friend Ragan who is in-training to be a service dog. She has a regular following, and it is wonderful to hear about the readers developing stronger literacy skills.

Story Time w/Miss Laurie

Miss Laurie's storytimes continue to grow in popularity! Every week is a different theme. They are scheduled on Wednesday mornings in the Reading Garden, weather permitting. To date, 145 attended.

School Tour

On November 12, the Hamburg Nursery School visited with their 4 year old class for a tour and story by Miss Ashley. She took them to areas of the library rarely, if ever, seen by the public. They all had a great time and hope they visit again!

Book Signing with Jack Livingston

Local author Jack Livingston visited to talk about his newest book, *A Lot like Fun - Only Different*. It included a book signing. 7 adults attended.

Cookbook Club

Held on October 20 with 13 in attendance. This month's book was *Delish: Insanely Easy Casseroles*. Our own Claudia Yates took part and loved the camaraderie!

Lake Shore

Programs offered this month include:

Halloween Party

Held on October 23 with 38 children and adults in attendance. Activities included a costume contest, games, and crafts.

Button Making

On November 6 Young Audiences of WNY (YAWNY) held a button making program with 2 children in attendance.

Cookbook Club

Held on November 8 with 8 in attendance.

Adult Craft Night

Held on November 15 with 13 in attendance. Each person made a gnome.

Estate Planning

On November 1 attorney Dan Schuller gave a presentation on estate planning with 12 people in attendance.

Halloween Movies

Tower of Terror was the featured movie this month.

EduKids

EduKids began bringing classes once a week to the library starting October 5. Miss Stephanie read them stories. I spoke to them about applying for an agency card to receive classroom collections.

Story Time

Whoooo's Ready for Story Time?! is held every Tuesday morning by Miss Stephanie. She averages 7 children per week.

Murder mystery packs were given to patrons to play with their friends at home.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Hoth - Director

Hamburg Public Library –October 2021 Report

Circulation Statistics

	October 2021	October 2020	% Change
Hamburg	10,359	10,899	-5 %
Lakeshore	2,964	3,240	-8.5 %

Patron Door Counts

	October 2021	October 2020	% Change
Hamburg	5,606	5,437	3.1 %
Lakeshore	2,458	2,366	3.9 %

Computer Sessions

	October 2021	October 2020	% Change
Hamburg	765	920	-16.8 %
Lakeshore	231	183	26.2 %

WiFi Sessions

	October 2021	October 2020	% Change
Hamburg	1,829	965	89.5 %
Lakeshore	337	377	-10.6 %

The library was open for the entire month of October 2020 so we were able to compare the 2 months.

**2021 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
10/21/2021		Deposit (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)	451.85		5965.07
10/21/2021	4419	USPS (2 rolls of stamps)		116.00	5849.07
10/21/2021	4420	ECWA (HAM quarterly water bill)		335.85	5513.22
10/28/2021		Deposit (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)	127.93		5641.15
10/28/2021	4421	Rel Comm (Hamburg's operational hours updated on phone system)		75.00	5566.15
10/28/2021	4422	Stephanie Molnar (reimburse program supplies Halloween Party)		52.93	5513.22
11/4/2021		Deposit (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)	269.03		5782.25
11/4/2021	4423	Cintas (door mats HAM & LSH)		119.12	5663.13
11/4/2021	4424	Brian Hoth (mileage reimbursement October)		16.00	5647.13
11/4/2021	4425	Guis Lumber (HAM & LSH Maintenance)		133.91	5513.22
11/10/2021		Deposit (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)	41		5554.22
11/10/2021	4426	Stephanie Molnar (mileage reimbursement October)		8.00	5546.22
11/10/2021	4427	ECWA (HAM monthly water bill)		33.00	5513.22

Final Balance: \$ 5,513.22

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
10/12/2021	Deposit (LSH Fine Revenue September)	310.84		10,899.48
10/21/2021	Deposit (HAM Fine Revenue)	378.65		11,278.13
10/21/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)		451.85	10,826.28
10/28/2021	Deposit (HAM Fine Revenue)	197.54		11,023.82
10/28/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)		127.93	10,895.89
10/29/2021	M & T interest	0.19		10,896.08
11/4/2021	Deposit (HAM Fine Revenue)	197.4		11,093.48
11/4/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)		269.03	10,824.45
11/10/2021	Withdrawal (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)		41	10,783.45
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

Final Balance: \$11,462.29

Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
10/21/2021		Deposit (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)	5883.08		7848.32
10/21/2021	3297	Ashley Cassidy (Craft purchase)		48.00	7800.32
10/21/2021	3298	Friends of the Hamburg Library		5658.08	2142.24
10/21/2021	3299	Liz Thompson (Batphile program)		150.00	1992.24
10/28/2021		Deposit (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)	288.00		2280.24
10/28/2021	3300	Brian Hoth (reimburse Fowler's Candy)		288.00	1992.24
11/4/2021		Deposit (Transfer from savings to checking for bills)	336.69		2328.93
11/4/2021	3301	Mark Jones (John Philip Sousa program)		100.00	2228.93
11/4/2021	3302	Demco (Book repair supplies)		101.98	2126.95
11/4/2021	3303	Amazon (security monitor wall mounts)		26.90	2100.05
11/4/2021	3304	Brian Hoth (reimburse LSH bookcase)		59.94	2040.11
11/4/2021	3305	Laurie Obrochta (reimburse supplies for take-in-makes)		47.87	1992.24
11/10/2021		Deposit (transfer from savings to checking for bills)	46.99		2039.23
11/10/2021	3306	Claudia Yates (reimburse dolly for LSH)		16.99	2022.24
11/10/2021	3307	Brian Hoth (reimburse plaque for bench)		30.00	1992.24
11/12/2021	3308	Hamburgh Holidays (4 Christmas wreaths)		104.00	1888.24

11/18/2021		Deposit (transfer from savings to checking for bills)	104.00		1992.24
11/18/2021		Deposit	28.12		2020.36
11/18/2021	3309	Buffalo & Erie County Library		28.12	1992.24

Final Balance: \$1,992.24

Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
10/12/2021	Deposit (LSH Book Sale Sept)	140.00		45359.60
10/12/2021	Deposit (LSH Donation box)	25.97		45385.57
10/21/2021	Deposit (HAM Book Sale)	138.50		45524.07
10/21/2021	Deposit (Donation Box)	100.00		45624.07
10/21/2021	Deposit (\$35.00 check for purchase of an in memorium book)	35.00		45659.07
10/21/2021	Withdrawal (transfer from savings to checking for bills)		5,883.08	39775.99
10/28/2021	Deposit	47.50		39823.49
10/28/2021	Withdrawal (transfer from savings to checking for bills)		288.00	39535.49
10/29/2021	Northwest Bank Interest	0.37		39535.86
11/4/2021	Withdrawal (transfer from savings to checking for bills)		336.69	39199.17
11/10/2021	Deposit (HAM Book Sale)	73.00		39272.17

11/10/2021	Withdrawal (transfer from savings to checking for bills)		46.99	39225.18
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		28.12	39265.56

Final Balance: \$39,265.56

Proceeds from book sale and candy sale prior to the Friends taking over the ongoing booksale (donated items):

10/12/21 – 10/22/21 = \$264.50

After 10/22/2021 to 11/18/2021: Proceeds from discarded book sale and candy sales = \$177.50

Total profit: \$442.00