

**Director's Report**  
**Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:00 PM**  
**To be held at the Lake Shore Library**

**Staff Anniversaries**

We celebrated several staff anniversaries in July. Recognized for their outstanding service were Librarians Leslie Carr and Karen McClure. Senior Page Maddy Della Vella and Caretaker Sean McSkimming were celebrated too. Everyone got to enjoy cake! Congratulations to ALL for their outstanding work!!

**Staff Departures & Arrivals**

We said goodbye to 3 staff, Maddy, Paige, and Leslie. A party was held for each. They will be missed! We said hello to Emily and Maddison, our 2 newest pages.

**Red Cross Blood Drives**

Blood drives were scheduled at both libraries during July and August.

**Scavenger Hunts**

*Hamburg Library*

This summer we held a scavenger hunt outside on library grounds. We had 760 people participate throughout the summer.

*Lake Shore Branch*

A Yellow Submarine-themed scavenger hunt was held throughout the summer where kids found characters from the movie. 131 children participated.

Beginning August 7 a Heroes vs. Villains scavenger hunt was held where kids found movie and cartoon heroes and villains throughout the library. We had 74 participants.

## Visits by Therapy Dogs

### Kruz in to Read

Kruz is the library's new certified therapy dog. His first visit was on August 19, with 18 in attendance.



### Take and Makes

Take and make crafts were created and distributed during May and June with 100 distributed at the Hamburg Library monthly.

Due to lack of demand, take and makes have been discontinued.

On July 17, Youth Outreach Services Manager Chelsey Lonberger visited both libraries to see our children's collections and discuss improvements that could be made with children's services across the entire system.

## *Hamburg*

### Dynamic Shelving

In our continued efforts to revitalize our shelving and display methods, we have instituted some changes in our Picture Book section this summer. We now have several new special sections by topic, such as Bilingual, Dinosaurs, Magical Creatures, Movie and TV Characters, Pets, Royalty, School, Superhero and Vehicles. These are shelved in bins, which allows for open-faced browsing. When we posted about the changes on our social media, we received several comments, including:

Well, hot diggity. What an awesome idea. – Cate Lee

I loved this!!! Made it easier for my son to find stuff! – Jessica Lauren

Love it! My son loves dinosaurs, my daughter princesses and it's easier to find now – Jackie Best

This is so smart! The lake shore library has something similar and it makes it so easy to find what I'm looking for! – Jenn Bader Ginsburg

We LOVE this section!! The covers facing outward is so helpful for my little guy who can't read yet.

Dinos and Vehicles bins his attention every time! – Kallie Thompson

Thank you for making it easier for children! I know this is more work for you! – Ruth Ann Champion

Looks good! – Newstead Public Library

This has made it much easier for my 4 yo to find books she's interested in. Great idea! – Matt Walsh

### **Sensory Nook**

At the request of a parent, the Hamburg Library purchased a leaning tower for use next to the light table. This will allow our smallest patrons easier and safer access to play.



## Summer Reading

### *Hamburg Library*

Our Summer Reading Program ran from June 26-August 5.

**Ages Birth-4:** Submitted reading logs at the library. Every 12 books read received a prize. We had 65 participants submit 170 logs, for a total of 2,040 books read. Betty was our grand prize winner of a Wooden Block set.

**Ages 5-11:** Submitted reading logs at the library. Every 3 hours read received a prize. Every 9 hours read completed the log as a grand prize submission. We had 90 participants submit 120 logs, for a total of 67,620 minutes read. Our grand prize winner of Picasso Tiles was Carina. Zoe, Joselyn and Abby received a free ice cream from Main Street Ice Cream.



**Teens:** Recorded reading through ReadSquared. Every 300 minutes read received a prize. We had 5 participants read 2,678 minutes. Our grand prize winner of a Mysterium board game was Kat, and Brody received Nino's Pizza gift card.

**Adults:** Recorded reading through ReadSquared. Every 600 minutes read received a prize. We had 25 participants read 21,476 minutes. Our grand prize winner of a Molkky yard game was Leona. We had the following additional prizes from local businesses:

Sara: Peg's Place

Rebecca: JP Fitzgerald's

Michelle: Nino's Pizza

Jessica: Nino's Pizza

Fallon: Nino's Pizza

Jessica: Bella Pizza

Heather: Bella Pizza

Christopher: Ilio DiPaolo's

Breanne: Ilio DiPaolo's

Erica: Ilio DiPaolo's

Casey: Hamburg Palace Theatre  
Erin: Hamburg Palace Theatre  
Katrina: Hamburg Palace Theatre

### *Lake Shore Branch*

The following participated in summer reading:



### **5,000 piece puzzle**

The community worked together to build a 5,000 piece puzzle featuring wonders throughout the world. It took 35 days to complete! The puzzle was framed and hung in the children's area by Picture Your Walls.

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

On July 26 Senator Patrick Gallivan visited reading stories to children during Miss Laurie's Family Storytime. Afterward, Director Hoth took him on a tour and discussed various needs for both libraries. All his staff received Hamburg Library coffee mugs and pens.



## **Explore Buffalo**

On July 11 a presentation on the History of Buffalo Aviation was given by a volunteer from Explore Buffalo with 15 in attendance.

## **Baby Bounce**

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta continues to hold a storytime for birth-2 year olds on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month with 95 children and parents attending. Attendance has been so great that a second session has been added in September.

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

Miss Laurie continues to host a storytime geared toward ages birth-5 on Wednesdays with 159 children and parents attending in May, June, and July.

## **Tales at Twilight**

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to hold a storytime for ages 3 and up on Monday evenings with 112 attending in July and August.

## **Bookworms**

Librarian Ashley continues to hold a monthly book club for middle grade readers. In July they read *The Last Cuentista* and made our own ice cream. There were 5 in attendance. In August they read *Starfish* and made slime. There were 7 in attendance.

## **Lee Conmigo en Espanol (Come Read with me in Spanish)**

Community member Mariely Ortiz continued to conduct a monthly storytime in Spanish. Each month there is a group of 10-15 in attendance.

## **LEGO Club**

LEGO Club continues to be held twice a month on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This program is now run by Senior Page Lauren Atti. There were 105 children and adults in attendance.



## **Outreach Programming**

### **Library Card Registration @ Hilbert College**

On September 5 as part of Hilbert College's "Fall Welcome Event", the Hamburg Library was invited to register students for library cards. This writer and Senior Page Lauren Atti registered 10 students. This also coincides with National Library Card sign-up Month.

### **Storytime at Smarty Pants Childcare**

Librarian Ashley continues to provide monthly storytimes for the Preschool and Kinder-Ready classes at Smarty Pants Childcare. She also provides classroom collections for three of the classes at the center. Miss Ashley read to 62 children.

### **Storytime in the Giving Garden**

Librarian Ashley visited the Giving Garden twice this summer to host a storytime, July 13 and August 3. More than 80 people came out over the two sessions.



### **Summer Fun Club**

Summer Fun Club concluded with 71 children in attendance. This was geared for children ages 8-14 year olds. This was held for 5 weeks on Wednesday afternoons.

### **Bad Art Night**

On July 13 Librarian Leslie Carr held a fun session for adults in which they used a variety of materials and recyclables to create really bad art. There were 8 in attendance.

## **Read Around the Village**

The library was a location for a session of Union Pleasant Elementary's Read Around the Village series. On July 26, 27 people gathered on our front lawn to share stories.

## **Visiting Local Authors**

The library had local authors visit in July and August. On July 17 local author Eric Williams held a workshop for children in grades 1-4. There were 20 in attendance.

On July 20 local author William Robertson, dressed in period regalia, visited to talk about several books he wrote on both the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 with 4 in attendance.



On August 17 Sister Carol Cimino talked about her book, *The Best Girls in the World: a History of Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester in the Missions of Central Alabama, 1940-2020*. There were 5 in attendance.

## **Cookbook Club**

Librarian Leslie Carr hosted the monthly cookbook club and potluck dinner. There were 21 in attendance in July, 22 in August.

## **Magic Show**

A magic show featuring Magician Sean Doolan was held on August 7 with 30 children and adults in attendance. The audience was captivated with a multitude of magic. Everyone enjoyed themselves and asked when another program will be scheduled.



### **Director's Book Club**

Book Club was held on July 21 and August 18. July's title was, *The Housekeeper* by Joy Fielding with 18 in attendance. August's title was, *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes with 18 in attendance.

### **Summer Concert**

On August 8, Dick O'Dell and 23 Skidoo performed on the library's front lawn. The audience was treated to music from all eras. There were 36 in attendance.

### **Village Business Advisory Council (VBAC)**

Librarian Ashley continues to serve as the library representative in the VBAC. In July, she began serving on the VBAC Board.

## ***Lake Shore***

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

#### **Story Time with Miss Stephanie**

Story time was held in July and August with 113 participants in total. Story Time Themes included: Music, Movin & Groovin, Ocean, Peace, and Pets.

#### **LEGO Club**

LEGO Club was held on July 29 and August 26 with a total of 12 attendees.

#### **Passive Craft Making**

Passive crafts included: fish bowl craft in July with 10 participants and "build a truck" in August with 25 participants.

#### **Cookbook Club**

Cookbook Club met on July 10 with 12 attendees. The book chosen was *Cook What You Have* by Christopher Kimball. The program was held outdoors. On August 14 recipes were chosen from *Plant You* by Carleigh Bodrug.

## **Adult Book Club**

On July 31 Book Club was held with 7 attendees. July's title was *Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick. On August 28 *The Invisible Husband of Frick Island* by Colleen Oakley was the book of the month with 5 attendees.

## **Adult Craft Night**

Adult Craft Night was held on July 17 with 10 attendees. The group painted rocks.. On August 21 the group made melted crayon necklaces with 17 attendees. We made melted crayon necklace.

## **Outreach**

Librarian Stephanie Molnar continued to visit EduKids (now Bright Path) every other Friday each month. Stephanie reads to 101 students in July and August.

On July 19 Librarian Stephanie Molnar participated in "Camp Day" at the Tim Hortons in the village with 2 attendees. This is an annual fundraiser Tim Hortons does to help send kids to summer camp. She read camping-themed books to kids in a tent in the restaurant.

## **Programs for Adults**

On July 26, writer, director, and Editor Neil Wechsler lectured on "How ChatGPT and Other Generative AI Systems are Impacting Language and Storytelling" with 9 attendees.

On July 24 the Alzheimer's Association of WNY presented a program entitled, "Tips for Tough Conversations" with 2 attendees.

On July 12 a Book a Technology Trainer event was held with the TechKnow Lab from the Central Library with 2 attendees.

## **Astronomy Night with Penn Dixie**

On Wednesday, July 19 the library hosted its annual Astronomy Night with Penn Dixie Fossil Park with 30 attendees.



## **Class Visits**

On July 9 a class from Bright Path visited with 8 attendees.

Four classes from Cloverbank Elementary visited on three consecutive Thursdays in July and August. Several books were read, students got a tour of the library.

Afterwards, they designed their own library.

The following classes visited on the following dates:

- July 20: 4<sup>th</sup> grade 13 attendees
- July 27: Kindergarten 22 attendees
- August 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 15 attendees
- August 3: 1<sup>st</sup> grade 19 attendees

## **New Patrons**

In July, 25 new adult and 23 children registered for a library card. In August, 26 adult and 18 children registered.

## Hamburg Public Library – August 2023 Report

### Circulation Statistics

	August 2023	August 2022	% Change
Hamburg	22,484	23,460	-4.2%
Lakeshore	7,503	7,513	-0.1%

### Patron Door Counts

	August 2023	August 2022	% Change
Hamburg	8,357	7,830	6.7%
Lakeshore	3,485	3,274	6.4%

### Computer Sessions

	August 2023	August 2022	% Change
Hamburg	876	1,004	-12.7%
Lakeshore	310	273	13.6%

### WiFi Sessions

	August 2023	August 2022	% Change
Hamburg	1,815	1,793	1.5%
Lakeshore	535	428	25%

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hoth – Director

**2023 Financial Report  
Hamburg Public Library**

**M&T Business Account – Checking**

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
6/30/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	138.84		5,312.65
7/11/2023		M & T Service charge		5.12	5,307.56
7/13/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	295.20		5,602.76
7/13/2023	4617	USPS (Stamps)		145.20	5,457.56
7/13/2023	4618	Hamburg Natural History Society (Lake Shore Library Astronomy Night)		150.00	5,307.56
7/20/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	63.78		5,371.34
7/20/2023	4619	ECWA (Lake Shore Library water bill 4/2 - 7/2/23)		63.78	5,307.56
7/27/2023	4620	ECWA (Hamburg water bill 4/2 - 7/2/23)		400.68	4,906.88
7/27/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	400.68		5,307.56
8/3/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	232.90		5,540.46
8/3/2023	4621	ULINE (Replacement bags for Vacuum)		97.07	5,443.39
8/3/2023	4622	Lauren Atti (July Mileage Reimbursement)		3.34	5,440.05
8/3/2023	4623	Brian Hoth (July Mileage Reimbursement)		20.00	5,420.05
8/3/2023	4624	Stephanie Molnar (July Mileage Reimbursement)		8.00	5,412.05
8/3/2023	4625	Guis Lumber (Maintenance for Hamburg & Lakeshore July)		104.49	5,307.56
8/10/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	175.76		5,483.32
8/10/2023	4626	Cintas Corp (Rugs Hamburg & Lake Shore July)		142.76	5,340.56
8/10/2023	4627	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water bill 6/30 – 7/31/2023)		33.00	5,307.56
8/17/2023		Moved money to savings, keeping less in checking)		2,500.00	2,807.56
8/17/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	16.00		2,823.56
8/17/2023	4628	Laura W. Cunningham (July Mileage Reimbursement)		16.00	2,807.56
8/24/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to	142.76		2,950.32

		Checking for bills)			
8/24/2023	4629	Cintas (Rugs Hamburg & Lakeshore August)		142.76	2,807.56
8/31/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	39.95		2,847.51
8/31/2023	4630	Ashley Cassidy (Program Supplies for sensory area)		39.95	2,807.56
9/7/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	308.92		3,116.48
9/7/2023	4631	Brian Hoth (August Mileage Reimbursement)		16.00	3,100.48
9/7/2023	4632	Stephanie Molnar (August Mileage Reimbursement)		11.86	3,088.62
9/7/2023	4633	Laura W. Cunningham (August Mileage Reimbursement)		20.00	3,068.62
9/7/2023	4634	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water Bill 7/31-8/31/2023)		33.00	3,035.62
9/7/2023	4635	Guis Lumber (Maintenance for Hamburg & Lakeshore August)		228.06	2,807.56

**Final Balance: \$2,807.56**

M&T Business Account – Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
6/30/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		138.84	
7/13/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		295.20	2,190.47
7/13/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore June fine & printing Revenue)	87.55		2,278.02
7/20/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		63.78	2,214.24
7/27/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing Revenue)	144.65		2,358.89
7/27/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		400.68	1,958.21
7/31/2023		M & T Interest	0.04		1,958.25
8/3/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing Revenue)	254.77		2,213.02
8/3/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		232.90	1,980.12
8/10/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing Revenue)	82.25		2,062.37
8/10/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		175.76	1,886.61
8/10/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore July fine & printing	96.64		1,983.25



		Revenue)			
8/17/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing Revenue)	122.41		2,105.66
8/17/2023		Deposit from checking to keep more in Savings instead of checking	2,500.00		4,605.66
8/17/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		16.00	4,589.66
8/24/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		142.76	4,446.90
8/31/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing Revenue)	122.75		4,569.65
8/31/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		39.95	4,529.70
9/7/2023		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing Revenue)	148.82		4,678.52
9/7/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		308.92	4,369.60

**Final Balance: \$4,369.60**

Northwest Private Account – Checking					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
6/30/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	138.84		2317.39
7/13/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	980.00		3297.39
7/13/2023	3451	WNY Landscape & Land Prep LLC (Deposit for Lake Shore Library Music Garden Walkway)		900.00	2397.39
7/13/2023	3452	Explore Buffalo (Guest Speaker on Aviation)		80.00	2317.39
7/17/2023	3453	Eric Williams (Performance Workshop)		50.00	2267.39
7/18/2023	online	Amazon Capitol Services (Lake Shore program Supplies and Hamburg Shelf signs)		28.98	2238.41
7/18/2023		Amazon reimbursement (For Bins that came the incorrect size)	51.99		2290.40
7/20/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	3649.22		5939.62
7/20/2023	3454	Amazon Capitol Services (Sand Art supplies)		196.67	5742.95
7/20/2023	3455	Ashley Cassidy (Bins for Dynamic Shelving and supplies for Bookworms book Club)		373.57	5369.38

7/20/2023	3456	WNY Landscape & Land Prep LLC (Pea gravel for circular path to music garden Lake Shore Library)		3000.00	2369.38
7/21/2023	3457	William P. Robertson (Program On the French and Indian War of 1812)		50.00	2319.38
7/26/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	50.00		2369.38
8/3/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	375.00		2744.38
8/3/2023	3458	Dick Odell (23 Skidoo music Program)		375.00	2369.38
8/10/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	324.00		2693.38
8/10/2023	3459	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Fowlers Candy fundraiser)		324.00	2369.38
8/17/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	229.28		2598.66
8/17/2023	3460	Eastern Copier (Toner Supply for Copier)		89.30	2509.36
8/17/2023	3461	Brian Hoth (Ink Cartridges for printer)		139.98	2369.38
8/24/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	97.15		2466.53
8/24/2023	3462	Brian Hoth (Musical Weather Vane for Music Garden at Lake Shore Library)		73.00	2393.53
8/24/2023	3463	Ashley Cassidy (Supplies for Book Worms Book Club)		24.15	2369.38
8/31/2023	online	Amazon Capitol Services (Sensory area tower stool for children)		130.00	2239.38
8/31/2023	online	Amazon Capitol Services (Binding tape for book repair)		49.00	2190.38
9/1/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for Cost of Lake Shore Library Music Garden)	5099.00		7289.38
9/1/2023	3464	WNY Landscape & Land Prep LLC (Half of total job for Lakeshore music Garden)		2,500.00	4789.38
9/1/2023	3465	WNY Landscape & Land Prep LLC (Pea gravel for path at Lake Shore Library)		100.00	4689.38
9/6/2023	3466	WNY Landscape & Land Prep LLC (Balance Paid for completed work on the garden at Lake Shore)		2499.00	2,190.38
9/7/2023		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	697.12		2887.50
9/7/2023	3467	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for supplies)		79.64	2807.86
9/7/2023	3468	Picture Your Walls (Framing & Hanging of 5,000 piece community puzzle)		438.48	2369.38

**Final Balance: \$2,369.38**

### Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
6/30/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		138.84	39418.55
7/13/2023		Deposit (Hamburg memorial and Charitable Donation Plus Donation Box)	325.00		39743.55
7/13/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Eastern Copier)	61.40		39804.95
7/13/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		980.00	38824.95
7/13/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore June Book Sale)	88.00		38912.95
7/20/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	130.40		39043.35
7/20/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		3,649.22	35394.13
7/27/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		50.00	35344.13
7/27/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & \$15.00 Donation Box)	49.00		35393.13
7/31/2023		Northwest Interest	0.32		35393.45
8/3/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Eastern Copier)	135.00		35528.45
8/3/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	44.75		35573.2
8/3/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		375.00	35198.2
8/10/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Donation Box)	20.00		35218.2
8/10/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		324.00	34894.2
8/10/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore Eastern Copier)	243.35		35137.55
8/10/2023		Deposit (Lake Shore July Book Sale)	144.67		35282.22
8/17/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to		229.28	35052.94

		Checking for bills)			
8/24/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	134.25		35187.19
8/24/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		97.15	35090.04
8/31/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Eastern Copier)	79.00		35169.04
8/31/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Donation Box)	35.00		35204.04
9/1/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		5,099.00	30105.04
9/7/2023		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	173.25		30,278.29
9/7/2023		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		697.12	29581.17

***Final Balance: \$29,581.17***

Transactions were fairly routine over this period. The key for the Eastern copier at Lake Shore arrived and they were able to deposit from the machine. The total from Eastern copier to date for both libraries is \$1,165.70. A decision was made to reduce the amount kept in the M & T checking account and move it instead to the savings account.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs: 7/6/2023 -9/5/2023 = \$748.15