

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, September 23 @ 6:00 PM
To be held at the Hamburg Public Library

Community Coat Challenge!

The Hamburg Public Library has partnered with Benzinger's Cleaners for their Community Coat Challenge! Donation bins were placed at both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries. Donations are accepted from September 1 through October 31. Benzinger's goal is to collect 300 coats.

Walmart Job Fair

On September 9, a job fair was held at the Hamburg Public Library sponsored by the New York State Department of Labor. Nine perspective candidates completed applications and interviewed.

Flower Show

A flower show was held at the Hamburg Library from September 18 to 20 at the Hamburg Library. The building was filled with all types and varieties. The four garden clubs that organize the event are: Hamburg House & Garden, Eden, Evans, and the Hamburg Garden Club. All submissions were judged and awarded prizes. A luncheon was served in the Reading Garden for the judges on the 18th. This show is organized every seven or eight years due to the complexity of organizing it. The Hamburg Public Library has been a proud host in 2018 and 2026.



Hamburg Library

Programs offered this month include:

“Where’s Waldo?” Village Scavenger Hunt

Throughout July, the Hamburg Library participated in the 2nd Annual “Where’s Waldo?” scavenger hunt organized by Merit Badge Books. Several businesses participated. Once the search is completed participants were eligible for a prize. There were 125 participants at the Library.

Empowered Caregiver Series

On July 21, the Alzheimer's Association visited for Empowered Caregiver education series, which teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia. There was 1 attendee.

Local Author

On September 2, Sue Bernas Mall visited the library to discuss her book, *Scattering the Pieces: My Journey to Faith, Hope, and Freedom*. She is the owner and founder of the Performing Arts Dance Academy and Studio B Dancewear on Lake St. There were 6 attendees.

Voter Registration Day

September 15 was National Voter Registration Day. Informational brochures and voter applications were available for distribution.

Summer Programming

Summer programming wrapped up on August 15. Below are remaining programs that were held.

Passport to Reading

Passport to reading was back by popular demand! Patrons visited each library throughout Erie County and received a sticker. Once they completed their passport,

they earned a gold library card! Gold cards were given to the first 1,000 to complete their passports. The Hamburg Library handed out 51 gold cards!

Summer Concert Series

The Hamburg Library hosted two outdoor concerts in July and August.

On July 24, the Hamburg Guitar Quartet featuring Dr. Bob, Kathy, Peg, and Amber performed a medley of songs on the library's front lawn. There were 17 in attendance.

On August 18, Dick O'Dell and 23 Skidoo performed on the library's front lawn. Attendees were entertained with music celebrating America's 250th anniversary. There were 46 in attendance.

Summer Reading and Badging

For the months of June, July and August, the Summer Reading and Badging programs occurred at the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries. To encourage reading and library participation over the summer, children ages 0-5 and kids aged 6-12 were given logs to track their reading and lanyards to earn badges for reading different topics and attending programs at the library. For every completed reading log, they could enter to win a raffle prize, vote for games and activities for the library to purchase, and select a book to take home and keep. At the end of summer reading, there were 16 goodie bags raffled off from 160 entries. Each bag was filled with dinosaur-themed items for the summer reading theme: *Unearth a Story*.



Paleo Art with Penn Dixie

On August 2, Penn Dixie visited a Paleo Art program with 27 participating. In this lesson that combines science and art, participants used fossils as clues to construct the past while creating an artist's view of an ancient environment. Participants infer what creatures may have looked like when they were alive based on what they know about today's ocean life. Participants used their imagination to draw these prehistoric creatures.

Escape Rooms

From August 25 to August 27, Librarian Jordan hosted a series of dinosaur themed escape rooms for kids ages 9-12, teens ages 13-17, and family groups of all ages. 41 total participants attended to solve clues to open the locks and “escape” the room.



Class Visit

Smarty Pants Childcare participates in the classroom collections program. Every month they receive library books based on their weekly themes. Their books are dropped off with the class visit at the beginning of each month. In August they requested books about Outer Space, Superheroes and Princesses, the Fair, and Summer Treats. They borrowed 26 books in total. In September they borrowed 29 books about School, Family, Farms, Sports, and Autumn.

Teen Programming

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

On Monday August 3, Librarian Jordan hosted the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting for teens in grades 7-12. At this meeting, 2 teens attended and continued to work on creating a website header for the competition hosted by the Library System.

Two teens also attended TAG on Monday September 14. At this meeting projects for the rest of the year were planned, including Banned Books Week (October 4-10), Halloween and the library party (set for October 19), the next Teen Art Night, and the Winter Holidays. They also began creating Halloween decorations for the library. Pictured below are book page ghosts that will be used to decorate the book shelves in October.



Teen Art Night

On Monday August 31, 15 teens attended Teen Art Night to bedazzle books. Using diamond art supplies, the teens glued small beads to their book covers to “bedazzle” them as decoration.



Book Displays

In September Librarian Jordan created adult and children displays for Hispanic Heritage Month. These displays featured books by Hispanic authors, books about Hispanic peoples, bilingual books, and books written or translated to Spanish. The adult display is located next to the Classics and New Nonfiction shelf and the children’s display is located on top of the picture book shelf.



During August and September the library highlighted new fiction and nonfiction books that have been added to the collection.



Lake Shore Library

Programs offered this month include:

Empowered Care Giver Series

On August 6 and September 4 the Lake Shore Library hosted the Alzheimer's Association presenting an educational series to assist caregivers with 5 people attending.

Book a Tech

On August 11 and September 8 staff from the TechKnow Lab came and offered extensive appointments for 2 patrons.

Local Author

On August 15, local author Paula Banks-Dahlke debuted her book *The Perfect Color* and its characters. She read to 12 children and demonstrated the power of working together through an interactive display involving the mixing of colors.



8 O'Clock Book Club

On August 19, Library Associate Laurie hosted a Lake Shore Book Club collaboration with the 8 O'Clock Book Club, where both book clubs read the same book, *Heart the Lover* by Lily King. Refreshments were served and a Q&A Power Point discussion was presented with 24 people attending.



Summer Programming

Foam Party

On August 1, the Lake Shore Library welcomed Foam Rider for the annual Foam Party on the side lawn. 122 people attended.



Astronomy Night

On August 19, Library Associate Laurie hosted an evening of stargazing in the park adjacent to the library. Penn Dixie put on the event and provided a giant telescope and astronomy guide. Crafts were provided for children. There were 32 attendees.



Summer Reading Raffle Recipients

Children were entered in a Dinosaur Bundle Book Raffle for having completed their Summer Reading logs. Three prizewinners featured below won the drawings.



Library Associate Laurie set up Interactive stations with Paw Patrol School plushies, crafting, and coloring.

Doors and Displays

For August and September Lake Shore finished off Summer Reading and prepared the patrons in getting ready for going "Back to School."

For September, Library Associate Laurie created a Paw Patrol School is back in Session Display Case, hung fall wreaths on both doors, and showcased a Back to School Book Display in the children's area.

For the August Adult Book Display, Library Associate Laurie featured space books in anticipation of the upcoming Astronomy Night.

For September, Library Associate Laurie honored the passing of Dolly Parton for the Adult Book Display.



Outreach

Hamburg Library

Music in the Park Concert Series

On August 5, this writer tabled at the Village of Hamburg Summer Concert Series, a weekly event scheduled on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00pm in Memorial Park. Performing was the Hamburg Village Band. This year's series ran from June 10 to August 12. The Hamburg Public Library is an annual sponsor. This writer promoted programming and provided giveaways to 100 attendees.

Smarty Pants Day Care

On Thursday August 6, Librarian Jordan visited Smarty Pants Childcare to read stories to 2 different classes. Between the Kinder-Ready room and the Pre-k room, Librarian Jordan read to 25 participants at the day care. On Thursday September 3, Librarian Jordan visited again and read to 27 participants.

Giving Garden

In the summer, Library Jordan participates in outdoor story times at the Giving Garden across from Union Pleasant Elementary. These story times are co-hosted with Seeds of Living Education (S.O.L.E.). On July 21, Jordan read to 21 attendees about dinosaurs. After the stories, the children did a dinosaur glider craft and helped care for the gardens.



Hilbert College Outreach

On Friday September 4, Librarian Jordan attended an outreach event at Hilbert College. She spoke to 22 students about upcoming library programs, the benefits of having a library card, and facilitated a library card sign up. This is an annual event the Hamburg Library is asked to attend and is a continuing partnership.



Lake Shore Library

BrightPath Daycare

On July 17, Library Associate Laurie visited 6 classrooms totaling 102 children and read 3 Dinosaur books to each classroom. 102 children were visited. On August 14, Miss Laurie visited 6 classrooms totaling 97 children and read 3 Shark books to each classroom. On September 11, Miss Laurie visited 6 classrooms totaling 98 children and read 3 school bus books to each classroom.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Hoth, Director

HAMBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM STATISTICS

HAMBURG BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAM STATISTICS: BOARD REPORT AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Nicole Brown, Branch Manager

FOR CHILDREN

Program: Story Time

Facilitator: Jordan, Librarian

Date	# of Programs	Adults	Children	Total
8/12	2	30	40	70
8/26	2	24	32	56
9/9	2	34	39	73
9/16	2	25	31	56

Program: Lego Club

Facilitator: Emily & Lauren, Sr Page

Date	Adults	Children	Total
8/1	18	13	31
8/12	5	9	14

Program: Baby Bounce

Facilitator: Nicole, Librarian Branch Manager

Date	# of Programs	Adults	Children	Total
7/27	2	26	26	52
8/10	2	29	29	56
8/24	2	26	26	52

Program: Camp Create

Facilitator: Jordan, Librarian

Date	Adults	Children	Total
7/27	9	10	19
8/17	9	14	23

Program: Pokémon Club

Facilitator: Mary, Sr. Page

Date	Adults	Children	Total
7/27	11	16	27

FOR ADULTS

Program: Book Club

Facilitator: Brian, Library Director

Date	Total
7/17	9
8/21	12
9/11	14

Program: Cookbook Club Facilitator: Sarah, Librarian Trainee, Nicole Branch Manager

Date	Teens	Adults	Total
8/19	1	14	15
9/17	1	10	11

Program: Book a Tech Trainer Facilitator: TechKnow Lab

Date	Total
7/24	4

8/14	3
9/11	7

INTERGENERATIONAL

Program: Colorful Tuesdays

Facilitator: Sarah, Librarian Trainee

Date	Adults	Children	Total
8/4	2	15	17

Program: Button Day

Facilitator: Nicole, Librarian Branch Manager

Date	Adults	Children	Total
7/16	1	2	3
8/6	1	2	3
8/20	2	3	5
9/3	1	0	1

Program: Read to Kruz

Date	Adults	Children	Total
8/8	7	10	17

Program: Library Scavenger Hunt - Outside - Dino Theme

Date	Adults	Children	Total
7/31	150	740	892
8/31	135	365	500

Program: Summer Reading Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate & Jordan, Librarian

Date	Age	Total
6/27 - 8/15	0-5	147
6/27 - 8/15	6-12	267
6/27 - 8/15	13-17	2
6/27 - 8/15	18+	24

Program: Summer Badging Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate & Jordan, Librarian

Date	Age	Total
6/27 - 8/15	0-5	141
6/27 - 8/15	6-12	256
6/27 - 8/15	13-17	1
6/27 - 8/15	18+	3

**LAKE SHORE BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAM STATISTICS: BOARD REPORT AUGUST
& SEPTEMBER 2026**

SUBMITTED BY: Nicole Brown, Branch Manager

FOR CHILDREN

Program: Playmore Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
7/14	3	3	6
7/16	8	8	16
9/1	8	8	16
9/3	4	4	8
9/8	4	4	8

9/10	7	7	14
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Program: Lego Club

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
7/25	7	8	15
8/29	8	7	15

Program: Story Time All Shook Up! Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
7/24	20	21	41
7/30	11	14	25
8/6	16	16	32
8/13	20	14	34
8/27	18	18	36

Program: Baby Bounce Facilitator: Laurie, Library Associate

Date	Kids	Adults	Total
7/22	15	14	29
7/28	11	11	22
8/4	14	12	26
8/11	14	12	36
8/18	14	14	28
8/26	20	18	38
9/15	13	13	26

Hamburg Public Library – August 2026 Report

Circulation Statistics

	August 2026	August 2025	% Change
Hamburg	21,143	20,063	5.4 %
Lakeshore	6,945	6,079	14.2 %

Patron Door Counts

	August 2026	August 2025	% Change
Hamburg	8,730	8,542	2.2 %
Lakeshore	4,327	3,032	42.7 %

Computer Sessions

	August 2026	August 2025	% Change
Hamburg	776	775	0.1 %
Lakeshore	287	236	21.6 %

Wi-Fi Sessions

	August 2026	August 2025	% Change
Hamburg	2,520	2,325	8.4 %
Lakeshore	647	481	34.5 %

September 2026 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library

M&T Business Account – Checking					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/8/2026		M & T Bank service charge (July)		7.57	2,450.23
7/17/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	248.35		2,698.58
7/17/2026	4920	ECWA (Lake Shore water 4/2-7/2/2026)		83.46	2,615.12
7/17/2026	4921	Rachel Martinic (June mileage reimbursement)		8.56	2,606.56
7/17/2026	4922	Larry Davis (June mileage reimbursement)		28.53	2,578.03
7/17/2026	4923	Brian Hoth (Paint for Lakeshore staff door)		127.80	2,450.23
7/21/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	774.37		3,224.60
7/21/2026	4924	ECWA (Hamburg water bill 4/2 - 7/2/2026)		524.37	2,700.23
7/21/2026	4925	Margaret Meissner Guitar Quartet (Outdoor Concert) Hamburg Library		250.00	2,450.23
7/28/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	350.00		2,800.23
7/28/2026	4926	Foam Rider LLC (Lake Shore Foam Party)		350.00	2,450.23
8/7/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	814.09		3,264.32
8/7/2026	4927	Jordan Roeder (July mileage reimbursement)		13.34	3,250.98
8/7/2026	4928	Cintas (floor mat replacements for Hamburg and Lake Shore) (July)		265.45	2,985.53
8/7/2026	4929	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg & Lake Shore) (July)		502.30	2,483.23
8/7/2026	4930	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly water bill) (July)		33.00	2,450.23
8/11/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	351.48		2,801.71
8/11/2026	4931	Hamburg Natural History Society (Lake Shore Astronomy Night)		306.24	2,495.47
8/11/2026	4932	Laura Cunningham (July mileage reimbursement)		16.00	2,479.47
8/11/2026	4933	Rachel Martinic (July mileage reimbursement)		8.97	2,470.50

8/11/2026	4934	Larry Davis (July mileage reimbursement)		20.27	2,450.23
8/18/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	160.15		2,610.38
8/18/2026	4935	Hamburg Natural History (Paleo Art Hamburg Programming)		160.15	2,450.23
8/25/2026	4936	Wire Tek Communications, Inc. (New phone system supplies)		360.00	2,090.23
9/4/2026	4937	Cintas (floor mat replacement for Hamburg and Lake Shore) (August)		212.36	1,877.87
9/4/2026	4938	Gui's Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg & Lake Shore) (August)		141.49	1,736.38
9/4/2026	4939	Laura Cunningham (August mileage reimbursement)		16.00	1,720.38
9/4/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	729.85		2,450.23
9/15/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	78.89		2,529.12
9/15/2026	4940	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water) (August)		33.00	2,496.12
9/15/2026	4941	Jordan Roeder (August mileage reimbursement)		32.92	2,463.20
9/15/2026	4942	Rachel Martinic (August mileage reimbursement)		8.97	2,454.23
9/15/2026	4943	Laurie Obrochta (August mileage reimbursement)		4.00	2,450.23

Final Balance: \$2,450.23

M&T Business Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/17/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	302.20		5,380.85
7/17/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		248.35	5,132.50
7/20/2026		Deposit System Return check	2,882.50		8,015.00
7/21/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		774.37	7,240.63
7/28/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	208.04		7,448.67
7/28/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		350.00	7,098.67
7/31/2026		M & T interest July	0.10		7,098.77
8/6/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore fine & printing revenue August)	157.80		7,256.57

8/7/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	121.60		7,378.17
8/7/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		814.09	6,564.08
8/11/2026		Deposit	185.95		6,750.03
8/11/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		351.48	6,398.55
8/18/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		160.15	6,238.40
8/25/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	193.10		6,431.50
8/31/2026		M & T interest (August)	0.11		6,431.61
9/4/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	261.75		6,693.36
9/4/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		729.85	5,963.51
9/9/2026		Deposit (Lake shore fine & printing revenue)	156.30		6,119.81
9/15/2026		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	174.55		6,294.36
9/15/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		78.89	6,215.47

Final Balance: \$6,215.47

Northwest Private Account – Checking					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/17/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	318.37		2317.25
7/17/2026	3651	Laurie Obrochta (Reimbursement for program supplies for Lake Shore)		132.55	2184.70
7/17/2026	3652	BECPL (Purchase of Memorial books from a donor)		35.82	2148.88
7/28/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	313.25		2462.13
7/28/2026	3653	Nicole Brown(Reimbursement for button Supplies for machine)		187.94	2274.19
7/28/2026	online	Amazon (Lake Shore and Hamburg Supplies : first aid and program needs)		125.31	2148.88
7/31/2026		Paper Statement Fee (July)		5.00	2143.88
8/7/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	118.44		2262.32
8/7/2026	3654	Primo Brands Blue Triton Brands (Lake Shore prep for drinking water supply)		118.44	2143.88
8/11/2026		Withdrawal (Correction of Deposit put in Checking from July : returned to Savings)		110.75	2033.13
8/18/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to	628.93		2662.06

		Checking for bills)			
8/18/2026	3655	Dick O'Dell (Summer Concert -23 Ski doo) (Hamburg)		350.00	2312.06
8/18/2026	3656	Nicole Brown (Reimbursement for Scavenger Hunt prizes)		172.88	2139.18
8/18/2026	3657	Brian Parisi Copier Systems (Hamburg Copier overage charges)		11.06	2128.12
8/18/2026	3658	Primo Brands Blue Triton (Lake Shore prep for drinking water supply)		94.99	2033.13
8/25/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	3190.24		5223.37
8/25/2026	3659	Wire Tek Communications (New Phone system for the Hamburg Library)		3155.00	2068.37
8/25/2026	3660	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Bicycle kick off)		35.24	2033.13
8/28/2026	on-line	Amazon (Lake Shore and Hamburg program needs)		85.64	1947.49
8/28/2026	On-line	Amazon (Hamburg Book Binding supplies)		48.02	1899.47
8/31/2026		Northwest paper statement fee August		5.00	1894.47
9/8/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	714.12		2608.59
9/8/2026	3661	Fowlers Chocolates (Hamburg and Lake Shore fundraising chocolates)		540.00	2068.59
9/8/2026	3662	Primo Brands (Lake Shore Drinking Water gallons)		40.46	2028.13
9/11/2026	on-line	Amazon (Lake Shore Program Supplies)		91.17	1936.96
9/15/2026		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	1137.03		3073.99
9/15/2026	3663	Laurie Obrochta (Lake Shore Program Supplies)		44.67	3029.32
9/15/2026	3664	Demco (Browser Bin final purchase from Carnegie Grant (386.66) and 614.53 from private.		1001.19	2028.13

Final Balance: \$2,028.13

Northwest Private Account – Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/17/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Donation Box)	35.50		61915.92
7/17/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		318.37	61597.55
7/21/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	163.50		61761.05

7/28/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		313.25	61447.8
7/31/2026		Paper Statement Fee (July)		5.00	61442.8
7/31/2026		Northwest Interest (July)	0.52		61443.32
8/6/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale, Donation Box and Copier)	280.00		61723.32
8/7/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	220.00		61943.32
8/7/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		118.44	61824.88
8/11/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	142.00		61966.88
8/11/2026		Deposit (Moved from checking to Savings - Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	110.75		62077.63
8/18/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		628.93	61448.7
8/18/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Donation Box)	40.00		61488.7
8/21/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	62.25		61550.95
8/21/2026		Deposit (Kiwanis Club of Hamburg grant for Literacy Hub)	4500.00		66050.95
8/25/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		3,190.24	62860.71
8/31/2026		Northwest Interest (August)	0.53		62861.24
8/31/2026		Northwest Paper Statement (August)		5.00	62856.24
9/4/2026		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	120.50		62976.74
9/8/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		714.12	62262.62
9/9/2026		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale, Donation Box and Copier)	300		62562.62
9/15/2026		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		1.1037.03	61,425.59

Final Balance: \$61,425.59

The final purchase from the Carnegie Grant of a Browser Bin for Board Books arrived in August and the Hamburg Kiwanis Club donated funds for a Literacy Hub. The Hamburg Library purchased a new phone system & Lake Shore now has water delivery from Primo Brands but all other expenditures were fairly routine since the last meeting.

Proceeds from our routine Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs: 7/16/2026 – 9/15/2026 = \$897.35