

**Cheektowaga Public Libraries
Directors Report
April 2024**

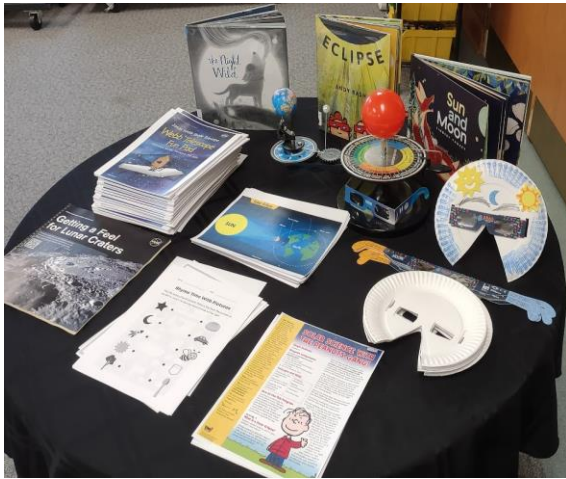
1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- April 8 - Both Cheektowaga Libraries hosted viewing parties for patrons during the total solar eclipse. Though the sky was intermittently overcast, viewers at both locations were able to see parts of this once in a lifetime event. Outside of the actual viewing of the eclipse activities, snacks (Sun chips, Moon Pies, etc.), and a NASA simulcast of the day's events were hosted in the programming rooms.





- April 9 - A Business Development workshop was presented by the Small Business Administration and SCORE Buffalo/Niagara at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. The focus of the workshop was marketing and leadership for small business owners. Director Caufield presented an overview of the free resources the Library provides to business owners to market their companies.
- April 12 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Job Fair in partnership with the NYS Department of Labor. Thirty companies from the Cheektowaga area were taking applications, interviewing and hiring during the Job Fair. Over 150 attended, ready with resumes, and many left with future interviews and a few were even hired at the event. Cheektowaga Councilman Vern Thompson hosted a table featuring employment opportunities in Cheektowaga. Councilman Thompson greeted attendees and showed them how the online Cheektowaga employment portal can be used to find a job.



- April 15 - Librarian Kathy Goodrich hosted a meeting of the Next Chapter Book Club at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Attendees discussed the books they were reading and then Kathy introduced them to new titles the library will soon be receiving.
- April 29 - Librarian Laura Scott taught patrons how to make yarn and felt art on canvas board at this month's Adult Craft Hour at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library.
- April 30 - Haley Roberts, a Cheektowaga Y.E.S. volunteer and student at West Seneca East High School, led an Earth Day program at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Children ages 4 and up learned about protecting the environment and planted their own flowers in eco-friendly pots.
- Preschool Story Time (Julia Boyer Reinstein Library) as well as the Night Owl and Early Bird Story Hour (Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library) continue successfully at both Cheektowaga libraries, bringing in dozens of children and their parents to enjoy stories and crafts.

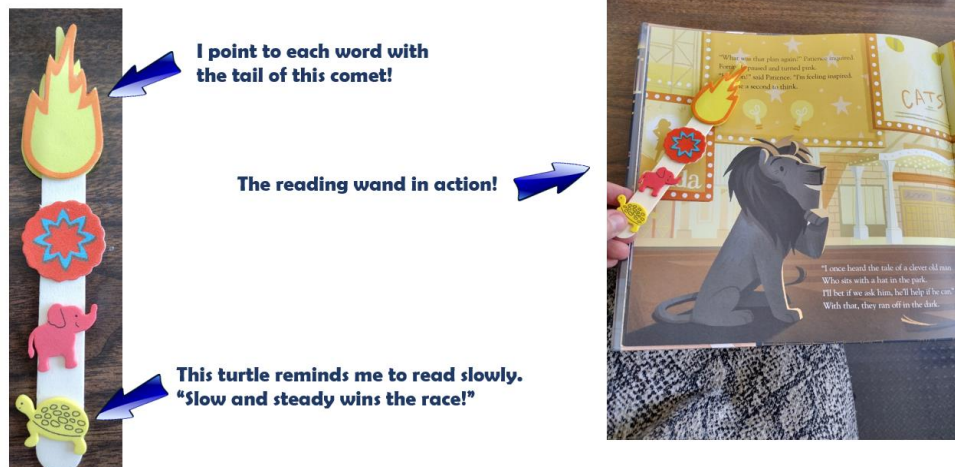


Outreach:

- April 4 - Director Caufield presented a "Sun, Moon and You" program for Cheektowaga Girl Scout troops at the Apple Tree Mall. The program focused on explaining eclipses, how to view them, and notable women in science and space exploration. Stories were read, art projects made and eclipse viewing glasses were handed out to all Scouts and their families.

- April 25 & 27 - Librarian Carol Veach visited classrooms at Maryvale Intermediate Elementary School. Reading stories, offering crafts and speaking to teachers and students about library resources and passing out Library applications. Carol reached over 150 students in 7 classrooms. Carol's outreach efforts continued on April 27 with a visit to Cleve Hill Elementary where she met over 50 teachers during their in-service training day.
- April 10 & 16 - Librarian Christine Webb visited the "Just for Kids" afterschool program at Union East Elementary School. On April 10, she reached 32 students and 5 adults reading stories, showing off new items (especially easy chapter books and read-alongs). Emphasizing library services, she passed out library card applications along with program newsletters. On April 16, she continued outreach, meeting 16 children, and 2 adults emphasizing Summer Reading and making reading wands. Christine connected with the school library media specialist before dismissal who shared that she includes Cheektowaga library events with parents in her class. Christine gave her flyers for the Summer Reading Kick-off programs in May to share with students.

Miss Christine's Magic Reading Wand Make Your Own!



2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

(Weeding, displays, special collections, etc.)

- April 18 - both Cheektowaga Libraries completed a weeding of the paperback collections and filled in a checklist for newer paperbacks offered by the Central Library refreshing the collections in hopes for more circulation.
- Librarians are currently weeding and ordering for their respective collections.

3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Facilities:

- Johnson Controls has turned off the boilers and set the air condition to its spring/summer routine at both Cheektowaga libraries.
- Suburban Pest Control has started spraying for mosquitoes and setting outside traps for the summer at both Cheektowaga libraries.
- Trost Fire Equipment Specialists conducted an inspection of all fire extinguishers, and will be replacing the few that have reached their expiration dates. Additionally all fire alarms were tested and certified working at both Cheektowaga libraries.
- April 25, Cheektowaga Fire Protection Systems tested both Libraries fire alarm systems. Everything was functional and found to be in working order.

Technology

Infrastructure, equipment, network, website enhancements, ILS, RFID

NA

4. Partnerships, Meetings / Future Planning / Special Projects

- April 1 - Director Caufield met with Central Library Maintenance Chief Mark Knoss and reviewed and selected shelving and display units to be transferred to both Cheektowaga Libraries.
- April 4 - Director Caufield met with members of the Cheektowaga Gardening Club. Through this meeting, they planned programs for the spring and summer starting with a lecture on native plants and invasive species on May 13 at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library.
- April 6 - Thanks to the partnership with Knitter/Crocheter Judy Wipej, both Cheektowaga Library's Children and Teen crocheting classes along with an all ages Twisted Stitches crochet and knitting program continues.

- Throughout April, the Cheektowaga YES (Youth Engagement Services) group continues to host the very popular Lego and Craft Nights at both Cheektowaga Libraries.
- Throughout April, the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a donation barrel for Stuff the Sneakers a charity that collects footwear and personal hygiene materials for adults, teens and children who are at risk of or who are homeless. Donations will be distributed to local charities such as Kids Escaping Dugs, Harbor House Gerald Place, Compass House and others.



STUFF THE SNEAKERS

10th Annual Campaign

2024

Benefiting WNY's Homeless & Less Fortunate



📅 April 1 – April 30, 2024

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🛒 Amazon Wish List:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2886A70LET2KY?ref=wl_share

Accepting donations for men, women, young adults & children of:

- Footwear
- Socks
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Wipes
- Tissues
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes



Donations will be distributed to the following local organizations:

- ❖ Gerard Place
- ❖ Compass House
- ❖ Kids Escaping Drugs
- ❖ Community Missions, Inc.
- ❖ Harbor House Resource Center (Restoration Society, Inc.)

+DONATIONS OF CLOTHING GRACIOUSLY DECLINED+

For individual donations or to host a collection through your school, church, organization or business, please contact Melissa Frawley, Campaign Organizer. Thank you ☺

This campaign is held in loving memory and honor of Daniel "Danny" Frawley. Prior to his passing April 17, 2014, Danny was helping others, including those facing homelessness and drug addiction. He is remembered for his caring heart, acceptance of others, and his special big bear hugs.

2015 – 2023 Campaign Totals

1300+ pairs of footwear
1200+ pairs of socks AND
Thousands of personal care items

Plus
\$2,250.00 Raised in 2021 for Kids Escaping Drugs (Face to Face Program)