

Buffalo & Erie County Public LIBRARY

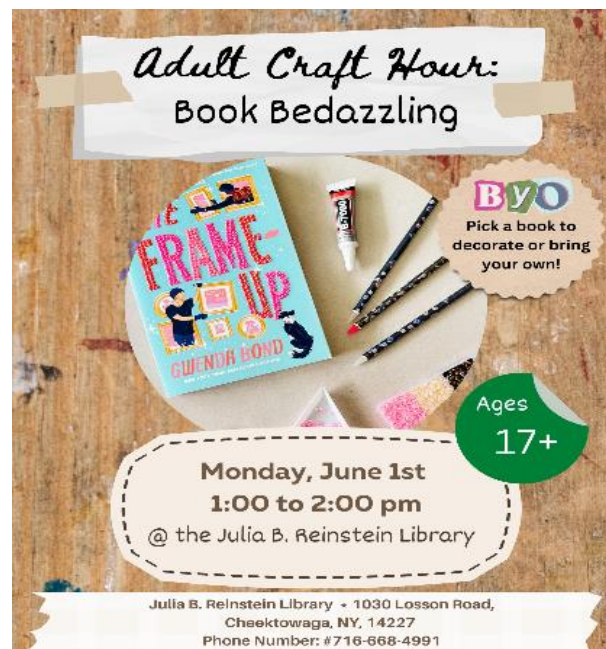
Director's Report for the Cheektowaga Public Libraries (CPL) June 2026

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

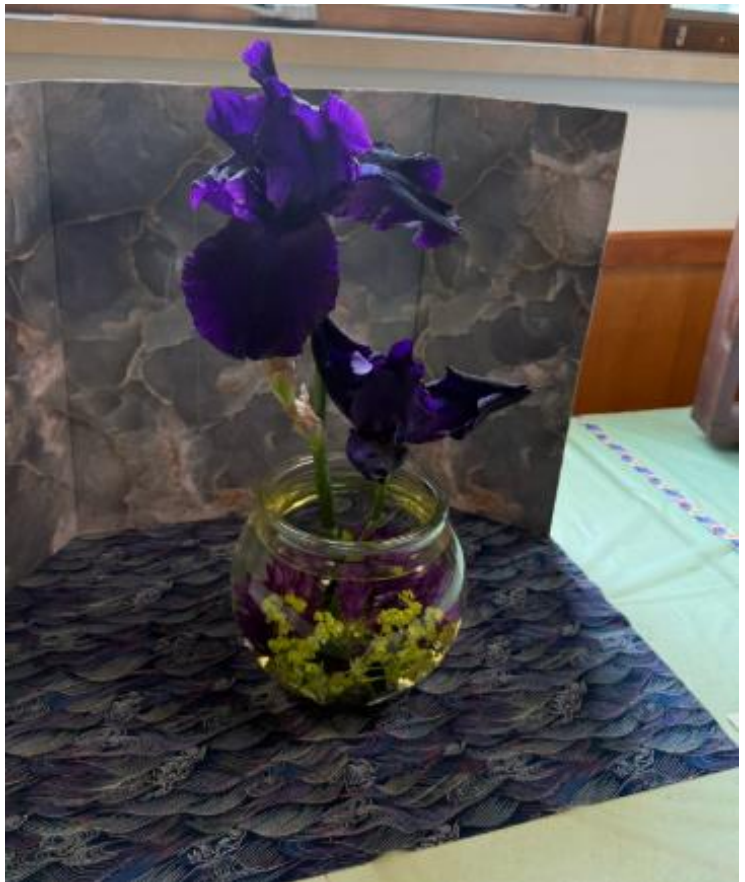
Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- June 1- Librarian Laura Scott coordinated an Adult Craft Hour featuring the popular theme of Book Bedazzling. Participants personalized their book covers with sequins, decorative embellishments, and themed clip art inspired by the stories inside. The program was well attended, and participants enjoyed the opportunity to express their creativity while giving their favorite books a unique and eye-catching new look.



- June 6 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library proudly hosted the WNY Iris Society's Iris and Flower Show, a nationally recognized flower show that gave iris growers the opportunity to display their gardening expertise and present their finest blooms. In addition to the iris competition, where entries were judged on qualities such as size, color, and form, participants also created stunning floral arrangements that highlighted their creativity and artistic vision. Hundreds of visitors and competitors attended the event, admiring the beauty, craftsmanship, and originality of the vibrant flowers and elegant bouquets on display.



- June 8 – The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a talk sponsored by the Cheektowaga Gardening Club entitled, "*Gardening is for the Birds! (and Bees and Butterflies)*," led by local conservationist and native plant expert Pam Turner. During the program, Ms. Turner discussed the importance of incorporating native plants into home gardens to support pollinators such as bees and butterflies and to promote a healthier environment. She provided attendees with lists of recommended native plants, information on where to purchase them, and practical tips for planting and maintaining thriving gardens. Ms. Turner also answered participants' questions, offering expert guidance and encouragement for creating pollinator-friendly landscapes.

THE CHEEKTOWAGA GARDENING CLUB PRESENTS

**GARDENING IS FOR THE BIRDS!
(AND BEES AND BUTTERFLIES)**

**A TALK WITH
PAM TURNER**

**MONDAY JUNE 8
6:30PM**

**AT THE JULIA BOYER REINSTEIN LIBRARY
1030 Losson Rd. Cheektowaga NY**



Pam Turner is a passionate gardener and educator with 20 years of experience teaching gardening with native plants. She serves as a Board Member for WNY Wild Ones, a national nonprofit organization that promotes native landscapes through education, advocacy, and collaborative action. She is also a Monarch butterfly conservationist trained through the Monarch Teacher Network and combines her knowledge in gardening to compliment butterfly and bee conservation.

**This program is free and open to the public.
Please contact the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library
at #716-668-4991 or stop by the desk to register for this program!**

- June 13 – The Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted a **Paws for Love: Read to a Dog** program, giving children ages 3–9 the opportunity to read aloud to friendly therapy dogs provided by the SPCA serving Erie County. This calm, welcoming environment encourages children to build their reading confidence while enjoying the companionship of a patient, nonjudgmental listener. Both the children and the dogs look forward to each session, creating meaningful connections and fostering a lifelong love of reading.

PAWS FOR LOVE: READ TO A DOG

Library guests will have the opportunity to experience the simple joy of spending time with a dog while enhancing literacy skills through reading out loud.

Reading sessions are thirty-minutes long. Registration is required to attend a reading session. There is a maximum of four guests allowed at each reading session.

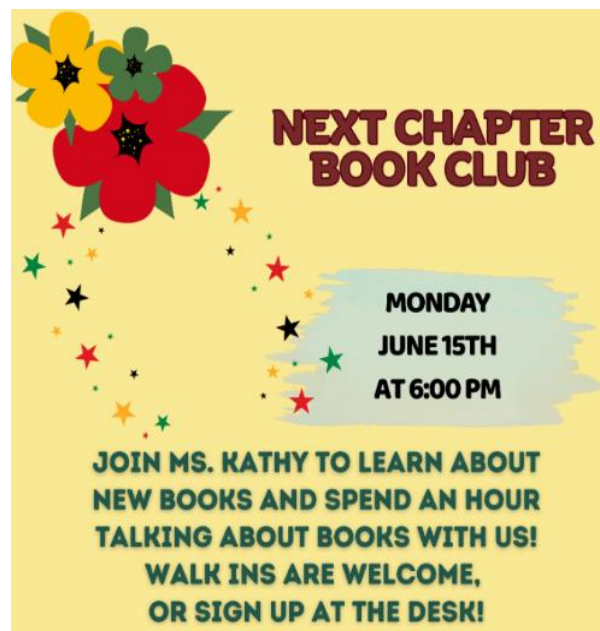
Please call 716-892-8089 to register or register in person at 2580 Harlem Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

ALL AGES (Must be accompanied by an adult)

**JUNE 13th
1-3 PM**



- June 15 - Librarian Kathy Goodrich coordinated the Next Chapter Book Club at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. The book club provides a welcoming forum for participants to discuss the books they are currently reading, share recommendations, and discover new titles through the experiences of fellow readers. In addition to encouraging a love of reading, the club offers a friendly social environment where members can exchange ideas, explore different genres, and connect with others who share their passion for books.



- June 17 - The WNY Law Center presented *Life After SAVE*, an informative workshop designed to help students and recent graduates understand their student loan repayment options and develop practical budgeting skills for long-term financial success. Participants learned about available repayment plans, loan forgiveness programs, and strategies for managing debt while building a sustainable budget. This workshop is one of the many educational programs offered by the WNY Law Center to empower individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to achieve a healthy financial future.

The Western New York Law Center, a partner of the EDCAP Network,
Presents:

**LIFE AFTER SAVE: YOUR STUDENT
LOAN PLAYBOOK FOR DEBT
MANAGEMENT**





Join us for an informative presentation on the conclusion of the SAVE Plan and the repayment and forgiveness options accessible to federal student loan borrowers.

Contact us!
Phone: (716) 828-8400
Email: studentloans@wnylc.net

The Western New York Law Center (WNLYC) is a part of the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (EDCAP) network. EDCAP is a program of the Community Service Society of New York (CSS).

Funded by New York State, EDCAP was created to help New Yorkers navigate the student loan repayment system and maintain financial health.

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at
3:00 pm
Anna Reinstein Memorial
Library 2580 Harlem Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14225**

- June 20 - The Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted a family Movie Day featuring **Jumanji**, providing an entertaining experience for patrons of all ages. Families enjoyed the opportunity to relax, share a favorite film, and spend time together in a welcoming library setting.
- June 27 - The Buffalo Chess Association hosted a Chess Clinic at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, welcoming participants of all ages and skill levels. Under the guidance of experienced chess players, attendees had the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game, refine their strategies, and improve their skills through instruction and friendly play. The clinic provided an engaging environment that encouraged critical thinking, problem solving, and a shared appreciation for the game of chess.
- June 27 - Librarian Laura Scott coordinated the Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Designed for teens ages 12-17, the program offers participants the opportunity to create unique characters and embark on exciting adventures through collaborative storytelling. Guided by experienced Dungeon Masters, players work together to solve challenges, develop strategies, and build an ongoing campaign that continues from one meeting to the next. The club provides a fun, creative, and welcoming social environment where teens can strengthen their imagination, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while making new friends.
- June 29 - Adult Craft Hour - Librarian Laura Scott coordinated an Adult Craft Hour in which participants created decorative flower lights using fabric flower petals and battery-operated tea lights. By carefully arranging and gluing the petals onto the lights, attendees created beautiful handmade decorations to take home. The program was well attended, and participants enjoyed the opportunity to express their creativity while creating a unique and attractive keepsake.



- Throughout June, the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted teachers from the John F. Kennedy High School as they proctored exams for students in our programing room.
- Throughout the month of June, children's story time programs at both Cheektowaga libraries welcomed many families for engaging mornings and evenings filled with stories, songs, and crafts. Librarian Heidi Bofinger facilitated the Wednesday Night Owl and Thursday Early Bird Story Times at the Anna M. Reinstein Library, while Librarian Kathy Goodrich led the Wednesday Preschool Story Times at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. These popular programs foster early literacy, creativity, and a love of reading while providing children, parents, and grandparents with enjoyable opportunities to learn and spend time together.



- Throughout June, the Cheektowaga YES (Youth Engagement Services) group moderated the monthly LEGO Clubs on June 1, 18, and 25, as well as Craft Night on June 4, at both Cheektowaga Libraries. This valuable partnership between the Library and the Town of Cheektowaga's Youth & Recreational Services Department provides teens with meaningful volunteer opportunities while directing engaging activities for younger children.



Outreach:

NA

2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

- Librarian continue to weed and order for their respective collections.

Displays



3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Facilities:

- June 10 - Suburban Pest Control sprayed both Libraries for insects and mice.
- June 24 - Fire Safety Services inspected the fire alarms for both Libraries passing both for the annual review.
- Danforth HVAC has visited both Libraries making sure the air containing is ready for the summer.

b. Technology

NA

4. Partnerships, Meetings / Future Planning / Special Projects.

- The Cheektowaga Public Libraries are partnering with Assemblyman Patrick J. Chludzinski to support the Legislators' Christmas in July toy drive. Both Cheektowaga library locations will serve as collection sites for donated toys. The toys collected through this program will be distributed to children receiving care at area hospitals.
- Director Caufield is working with various small business development agencies (SCORE, SBDC, Chambers of Commerce, etc.) for Fall programming at CPL libraries to assist entrepreneurs start or run a business.
- Following the success of student art exhibits at both Cheektowaga Public Library locations in 2025 and Spring 2026, art teachers from Cheektowaga High School and the district's elementary schools have expressed interest to Director Caufield in partnering with the Reinstein Libraries to present future family-oriented art exhibits. Both libraries are enthusiastic about the opportunity, and plans will be finalized once the new school year begins.
- Director Caufield continues to meet with Town Officials in preparation of the roof and column repairs at the Anna M. Reinstein Library. A contractor has been chosen and a resolution to hire will be on the agenda for the July 14 Town Board meeting.
- Hima Iype, Part Time Technical-Clerk at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, has resigned from her position as she moves out of the Western New York area. Director Caufield, working with B&ECPL Central Human Resources has posted the position and will be conducting interviews in July.