



Director's Report for the  
Cheektowaga Public Libraries (CPL)  
April 2025

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- April 12 - Librarians Laura Scott and Carol Veach ran the Library's Egg Hunt program for children ages 12 and under with their families. 173 people participated in this event. In addition to the egg hunt, children also made Easter and spring-themed crafts, including Peep-shaped ornaments, egg sun catchers, and stick puppets.



- April 12 (JBR) & 26 (JBR)- Librarian Laura Scott and a volunteer educator conducted sessions of the Dungeons & Dragons tabletop game for over 15 preteens and teens. Those who participated said that they were looking forward to playing again over the summer, with two teens offering to volunteer as “Dungeon Masters” (game referees) in future games. April 7 (REI) Librarian Jeff Matrachisia continues the Adult D&D sessions at the Anna M. Reinstein Library.

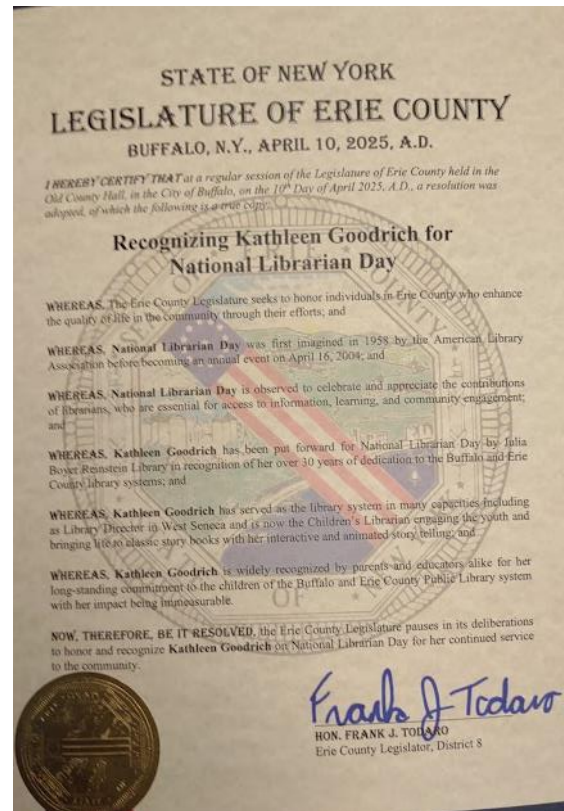


- April 3 & 10, 17, 28 & (JBR) and 14 & 28 (REI) - The Cheektowaga YES group (Youth Engagement Services) moderated the monthly LEGO Clubs and Craft Nights at both the Cheektowaga Libraries. This wonderful partnership between the Library and the Town of Cheektowaga’s Youth & Recreational Services Department allows teens to volunteer and help provide activities for younger children. Due to popular demand, the YES group has started hosting 2 sessions of both the LEGO Club and Craft Night at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, as volunteers are available.





- Throughout March at both Cheektowaga Libraries children's story hour programs drew in many families for reading and crafts. Librarian Heidi Bofinger facilitated the Wednesday Night Owl and Thursday Early Bird Story Times at the Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library while Librarian Kathy Goodrich led the Wednesday Preschool Story times at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. These story times are very popular and well received by children, parents and grandparents attending.
- April 16 – Celebrating National Librarian Day, Erie County Legislator Frank J. Todaro, read into the Erie County Legislature meeting and presented a proclamation honoring Children's Librarian Kathy Goodrich for her 30 years of service as a Librarian. Kathy's work as Head of the Central Children's room then System Children's Services Coordinator, Director of the West Seneca Library and now Children's Librarian for the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library has had such an incredibly positive impact on many generations of county residents. Well-deserved, the award was presented at one of Kathy's Story-times where her family and the families she reads with were all able to congratulate her.



- April 19 - The Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library hosted a movie day featuring the Original "Karate Kid" (1984). These classic movies are popular with our families visiting the Anna Reinstein Library and take advantage of the continuing series appearing on streaming services.



- April 23 – Coordinated by the Daughters of Polonia Buffalo, The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted an author talk with Thomas Swick. Mr. Swick read from his book "Falling into Place", a personal story about a young man's discovery of the world as a travel writer. Much of the story takes place in Poland and was well received with many members of Erie County's Polish community attending.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">AUTHOR TALK: THOMAS SWICK</h2>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD 7:00 TO 8:00 PM</b></p> <p>Author Thomas Swick will present on his latest book, <b>Falling into Place: A Story of Love, Poland, and the Making of a Travel Writer</b>.</p> <p><i>"Falling into Place is the personal story of a young man's discovery of the world and his development as a travel writer. It is also a love story, as he and Hania overcome cultural differences, communist bureaucracy, and unhealthy separations. Intertwined with both is the story of the revolution that altered history."</i></p>	The book cover for "Falling into Place" by Thomas Swick. It features a light blue background with a decorative floral border. The title "FALLING INTO PLACE" is in large, elegant serif font. Below it, the subtitle "A STORY OF LOVE, POLAND, AND THE MAKING OF A TRAVEL WRITER" is in a smaller font. The author's name "THOMAS SWICK" and "FOREWORD BY PICO TYER" are at the top. The bottom of the cover shows a photograph of a European city street.
<p><b>Julia Boyer Reinstein Library</b> 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY</p> <p>Buffalo &amp; Erie County Public <b>LIBRARY</b></p>	<p><b>Registration is preferred.</b> Sign-Up List available by phone or at the library Information Desk. <b>#716-668-4991</b></p>

- Throughout April, Yvette Angel from the Clarity Group answered questions from the public on Medicare and Medicaid. Ms. Otolera's focus was to inform the public of the many services and options that those using these services might not know are available.



## Outreach

- April 12 – Director Caufield was invited by the Small Business Administration to staff a Library table at the Saint Leo's Arts and Craft Fair in Amherst NY. Caufield met hundreds of attendees throughout the day. He was able to promote many of the services provided by the library and helped over a dozen card holders sign up and download books with Libby at the event. Later in April a few families stopped in to the Julia Boyer Renstien Library for preschool story time after taking a flyer from the table.





## 2. Collections: Development and Use

### Highlights:

- Weeding and ordering for adult non-fiction: health & wellness was completed for both Libraries.

### Displays



### **3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **a. Facilities:**

- April 4 – A Toshiba copier technician vacuumed the printer and later in the month sent a new cartridge and a toner tray. This yearly maintenance makes sure the printer quality remains high.
- April 4 - Johnson Control HVAC technicians stopped by both Libraries to clean the filters on the outside ventilation intakes. The technicians are preparing for cottonwood season and plan to return mid-May to clear the intake again.
- April 4 - Security and Fire Systems Control stopped by both Libraries to add an entry control number for shipping and receiving. One general code will now be used by the driver's dropping off material before opening to facilitate an easier delivery.
- April 8 and 21 - Tosh Fire Safety replaced the Fire extinguishers for 2025 at both libraries.
- April 14 - Caretaker Dom LeGambina left the CPL system for a Cheektowaga Parks Dept. position. We wish him well and thank him for the years he helped keep our system libraries running. The Caretaker position was posted and Director Caufield will be conducting interviews at the beginning of May.
- April 20 – A new electric hand dryer was installed in the men's bathroom at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. The replaced hand dryer was the original 1995 item and we hope the new dryer will last just as long.

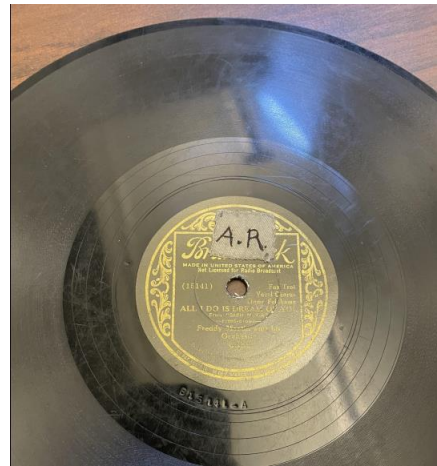
#### **b. Technology**

NA

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

- April 8 – Director Caufield was happy to provide staff at both Libraries with breakfast and lunch treats in honor of National Library Workers Appreciation Day.
- April 15 – After last year's election, many new supervisors have been appointed and Director Caufield met with Mark Mez, Cheektowaga's Town Park Supervisor, who will now be the contact for the Library. Discussed in the meeting were how reimbursements for Library infrastructure will be handled and best ways to manage communications.

- April 25 – After an offer from the Buffalo History Museum, Director Caufield accepted and received a collection of records belonging to Anna M. Reinstein. Ninety-one music records had been donated by Julia Boyer Reinstein to the Museum in the 1980s (Ca. 1910s to 1940s. Gramophone, Victrola, 78's etc.) which include popular dance music, such as fox trots, waltzes, patriotic songs from WWI, and operas. These items will be added to the Reinstein historical collection at the Anna M. Reinstein Library. For people researching the Reinstein family, this collection could provide personal insight into their musical interests and add texture to the life of Anna Reinstein.



- Throughout April - Both Cheektowaga Libraries hosted collection barrels for the "Stuff the Sneakers" 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Collection. Honoring the memory of Danny Frawley, this charity collects footwear and personal hygiene items that are later distributed to organizations working with the homeless and less fortunate. By the end of the month, both barrels held many items that will go help those in need.

**STUFF THE SNEAKERS  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Collection 2025**  
Benefiting WNY's Homeless & Less Fortunate

Accepting donations for adults & children  
(all ages/sizes) of the following items:

- New & Very Gently Used Sneakers
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Tissues
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Women's Sanitary Products & Baby Diapers (All Sizes)
- New Socks & Underwear

Donations will be distributed to the following local organizations  
(pictured above):

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

•DONATIONS OF OTHER CLOTHING GRACIOUSLY DECLINED•

**DANNY'S  
LOVING LEGACY**

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Amazon Wish List:  
[tinyurl.com/yw2au3jf](https://tinyurl.com/yw2au3jf)

**2016 – 2024 Campaign Totals**

- 1400+ pairs of footwear
- 1600+ pairs of socks
- Thousands of personal care items

Plus \$2,280.00 Raised in 2021 for  
Kids Escaping Drugs (Face to Face Program)

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.  
Danny is remembered for his caring heart, acceptance of others, and his loving big bear hugs.