

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

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

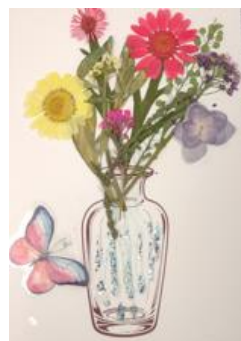
Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- Early March into February, the Anna Reinstein Library collaborated with Meals-On-Wheels to provide Valentine's Day cards to the elderly. A Valentine's Day Mail Box was set up in the Children's area with materials to make Valentine's Day cards. These cards were collected and given to Meals-On-Wheels who would then give them out along with a meals on February 14.



- February 2 & 23 – Librarian Laura Scott coordinated two Adult Craft programs in February for the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. The first, a makeup program for one cancelled in January due to weather, featured a tiny art theme in which patrons expressed themselves on canvases 3" x 5" and smaller. The second program featured dry flower arrangement on paper. These programs have become very popular and many older adults are bringing their friends and grown children to spend a fun and relaxing afternoon at the Library.



- February 7 – The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, collaborating with the SPCA’s Paws for Love program offered “Read-to-a-Dog” sessions for Children 10 and under. This program allows children to read their favorite picture book to a service dog trained to sit still and listen to the story, the children can pet and lean on them as well. It is a great way to promote reading and allows the gentle calm of service animals to create a stress free environment.



- February 8 - As the cold weather lingered in Cheektowaga through February, the Reinstein Yeti made an appearance at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Walking out of the Reinstein Woods, he stopped in and read a few picture books to the children inside. After some stories and a few STOMP your foot games he returned to the cold woods, happy to have made new friends.



- February 9 – The Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted a free “Candlelight Concert” with Sally Schaefer and Tyler Bagwell with the musicians playing a set of Valentine’s themed folk music.

Candlelight Concert

Monday, February 9th, 6-7 pm
Nonfiction Room

Join us for a special musical event. Buffalo-based folk duo Sally Schaefer (fiddle, vocals) and Tyler Bagwell (guitar, vocals) will breathe fire into a set of Valentine’s Day themed folk songs old and new.

Please call 716-892-8089 to register or register in person at the Anna Reinstein

Artists: Sally Schaefer & Tyler Bagwell

- February 13 - After a very large donation of romance novels (literally hundreds), the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Romance Book Swap/Giveaway and Social Hour. Hundreds of used romance novels were set up in the program room for patrons to browse, take, and talk about what they like in the genre. Almost a hundred patrons visited and discussed their favorite characters and how they overcame obstacles to their love. After the program, the remaining books were sent to local senior homes throughout Cheektowaga and Erie County.

Unlucky in love?
 Be lucky in romance books!
 Join us for our

Romance Book Swap and Social Hour

Bring your gently used romance books to trade with other romance book lovers, discuss your favorites, and relax!

Call 716-668-4991, or speak to a staff member to register for this program for adults.



- February 13 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a free technology training class featuring “Google Photos”. In this one-hour class attendees learned how Google Photos operates from their phone and how to edit, share and download to save room on your Google account.

- February 19 – The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Medicare/Medicaid Finance workshop for those who are retired or about to retire. Medicare/Medicaid experts from Hafner Financial Services spoke about what retirees need to think about financially as they age. How to have enough to live on, how to continue saving, what are the advantages and negatives of part-time work, how to prepare for health emergencies, and how to properly leave inheritance. These workshops are always well attended and attendees leave with important information that will directly affect them in the future.



- February 14 & 28 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library continued its Teen Dungeons and Dragons sessions in February. With a solid core of young players and new players coming in, this successful teen program gives a chance for fun interaction that encourages imagination and cooperative play.

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

@ THE JULIA B. REINSTEIN LIBRARY

SATURDAYS, 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, & 4/25 @ 2PM



FREE SNACKS



EPIC ROLEPLAYING



NO SUPPLIES NEEDED

*Join us for beginner-friendly D&D adventures!
Learn how to make a character or bring your own!*

- For players ages 12 to 17
- **Registration is required.**
- Volunteer opportunities available for DMs

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Phone Number: #716-668-4991

- February 20 – the Julia Boyer Reinstein library hosted a meet and greet with the Siberian Husky Club of the Niagara Frontier. Members of the dog sled team presented a brief overview of dog sledding and the Iditarod. After the talk attendees were invited to sit in a sled and meet/pet the Siberian huskies.



- February 21 – Local Author Lisa Schrock led a story time program sharing the message of kindness with young readers. Ms. Schrock talked about the power of kindness, read a featured book, led the children in making a small craft, and gave out free books to celebrate kindness.

CELEBRATION OF KINDNESS STORY TIME

Saturday, February 21, 1 pm – 2 pm



This story time program shares the message of kindness with young readers. Author Lisa Schrock will talk about the power of kindness, read a featured book, lead the children in making a small craft, and give out free books to celebrate kindness.

Please call or stop in at Anna M Reinstein Library at 2580 Harlem Rd Cheektowaga, NY 14225 or call (716) 892-8089.

- February 22 (JBR) & 23 (Anna) – Doctor Arron Harman, specialist in longevity health, spoke about what leading a long “good” life entails and what you can do now to make sure you remain healthy long into your 80s and 90s.

Evidence-Based Longevity Strategy Talk

WITH

Dr. Aaron Harman



Dr. Harman aims to explain what longevity is, review the challenges to health, & lay out a practical, evidence-based approach for optimizing your healthspan & lifespan.

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 23RD
6 P.M. – 7 P.M.**

JOIN US AT THE ANNA M. REINSTEIN LIBRARY

2580 HARLEM ROAD, CHEEKTOWAGA NY

**REGISTER IN PERSON
OR CALL 716-892-8089!**

Dr. Aaron Harman holds board certifications in Diagnostic Radiology & Interventional Radiology. He is the founder and medical director of Vitality Medical Specialists, a longevity medical practice.

- February 25 – The Polish Arts Club of Buffalo hosted a lecture by Andy Golebiowski at the Julia Bower Reinstein Library. Mr. Golebiowski is a radio host for the Polish American Radio program on WEBR and arranges trips to Poland yearly for Western NY residents wanting to connect to their heritage. The lecture followed family stories of his father who was arrested by the Germans and held as a prisoner of war during WWII. Accompanied by modern day photos of Poland this lecture brought a wonderful feel for history and how his family remembers and honor past generations.

"Exploring Poland and Tracing My Father's Footsteps"

Presented by Andy Gołębowski



Wednesday February 25th @ 6:00pm
at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library

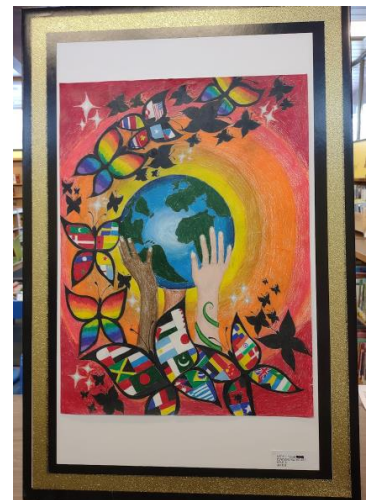
Andy Gołębowski, host of the Polish American Radio Program on WEBR, recently organized a trip to Poland for listeners and friends. While there, he took the opportunity to uncover where his father was taken and held prisoner-of-war by the Germans during WWII. He shares his experience with photos of his journey. Hosted by the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo.

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- Throughout January at both Cheektowaga Libraries children's story hours 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 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.



- February 5, 12, 19, 26 - The Cheektowaga YES group (Youth Engaged in Service) 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.
- From January 26 to February 26, the Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted an Art exhibit created by Cleveland Hill Middle School Students. The Lions Club of Cheektowaga had invited the students to participate in their annual *International Peace Poster Contest*. The students spent many hours creating the works of art inspired by the theme "Together as One" The students work and talent were on display throughout the Library for everyone to enjoy.



Outreach:

- February 25 – Librarian Carol Veach staffed an Information Table at Maryvale Middle School’s Parent Teachers conference. Meeting Children and their parents, Carol was able to sign up new Library card users and discuss programs and resources the Library has for the whole family.

3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Facilities:

- February 20 - Weinholz Glass repaired the crack outside window at the Anna M. Reinstein Library.
- Throughout February, Librarian Hanna Krull has been cleaning and organizing the Anna M. Reinstein collections in preparation to making the larger history room more accessible to the public.

b. Technology

- Throughout February, Orders from the B&ECPL Library Improvements grant have been arriving. . Items received include, outdoor shade tents, a new podium with speaker system for the program room, a portable speaker system and various STEM/STEAM items that will be used for future programming.

2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

- Cheektowaga Staff continue to weed and order materials for their respective collections.

Displays



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

- February 20 - Director Caufield has meet with the Cheektowaga Lions Club and after a review of their volunteer activities with the Library hope to continue in assisting at various library events in 2026. Caufield thanked them for all their help and welcomed there help in the future.
- February 27 - Director Caufield met with Kyle Henrikson, Town of Cheektowaga's Principal Engineering Assistant to discuss the roof project at the Anna M. Reinstein Library. With the information provided by Caufield, bids will be created for the job and released later in the spring.