



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

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- **June 7** – The Summer Reading Kickoff with Super Amy and the Cheektowaga YES Teens was a wonderful success for both Cheektowaga Libraries. Super Amy preformed magic, juggling and gymnastics for the attendees and the teen volunteers from Cheektowaga's YES (Youth Engaged in Service) made animal balloons, hosted face painting and temporary tattoos. While enjoying the fun, attendees of all ages signed up for our various summer reading programs. Children under 12 signed up to completed summer reading logs and win small fun prizes while teens and adults can enter to win prize baskets on display at both libraries. The Cheektowaga Public Libraries are also advertising for NY Assemblyman Pat Chudzinski's (143 District) summer reading program in which children and teens will be acknowledge with a certificate of achievement for their reading efforts.

The screenshot shows the 'Kids Out and About' website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: FREE, LOCAL EVENTS, LOCAL LISTS, CAMPS, LEARN, SUMMER SEASON, VIRTUAL, and BUFFALO. Below the navigation bar is a banner for the 'Summer Reading Kick Off with Super Amy' event. The banner features a photo of a young woman in a superhero costume (blue shirt with a white star, red cape) striking a pose. The text on the banner reads: 'SUMMER READING KICK OFF WITH SUPER AMY', 'Saturday, June 7th 2:00-3:00', 'Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library'. Below this, it says: 'THIS SUMMER, SUPER AMY BRINGS HER ACTION-PACKED PERFORMANCE TO THE CHEEKTOWAGA PUBLIC LIBRARIES WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE ABOUT TEAMWORK AND UNITY.' and 'SUPER AMY'S VARIETY SHOW FEATURES MAGIC, MUSIC, AND AEROBIC FEATS OF STRENGTH FOR A HIGH ENERGY, ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENCE. SHE IS THE NEWEST GENERATION OF LIVE PERFORMANCE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TEAM THAT CREATED CHARLIE AND CHECKERS AND CHECKERS THE INVENTOR!'. At the bottom right, it says: 'Please stop in at 2580 Harlem Rd Cheektowaga, NY 14225 or call (716) 892-8089 to register.'



Art Tables

- With the Summer Reading theme being “Color Your World” Both Cheektowaga libraries have offered kids and adult full table coloring sheets. These have become very popular and both libraries will be keeping these tables after the Summer Reading session.



THE CHEEKTOWAGA GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS :

A LECTURE BY KEN PARKER

JOIN US AT THE JULIA BOYER REINSTEIN LIBRARY
TO LEARN ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS AND GARDENING.

Monday June 9th
6:00pm
1030 Losson Rd.
Cheektowaga NY



ABOUT KEN PARKER

Ken is a passionate Indigenous horticulturalist and member of the Seneca Nation of Indians. A New York State Certified Nursery Landscape Professional (CNLP) and a Green Infrastructure Program Trainer.

Ken has spent much of his life devoted to growing, installing, teaching and promoting indigenous plants of North America. He has participated in various environmental projects, including conservation, restoration, corporate landscaping, green infrastructure, education, marketing and consulting throughout the United States and Canada over the past twenty-five years.

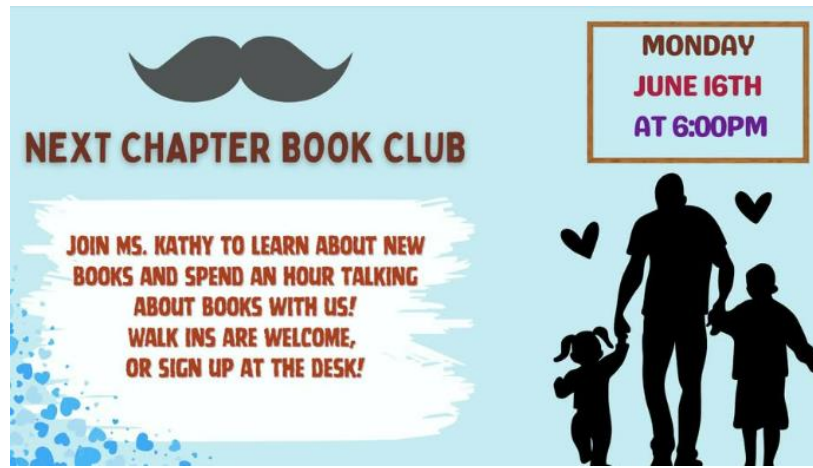
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to learn more about
Ken Parker



Refreshments will
be served

- **June 9** - The Cheektowaga Gardening Club and the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a lecture on native plant cultivation presented by nationally known gardening expert Ken Parker. Ken Parker is a passionate horticulturalist and member of the Seneca Nation of Indians. A New York State Certified Nursery Landscape Professional (CNLP) and a Green Infrastructure Program Trainer. Ken has spent much of his life devoted to growing, installing, teaching and promoting indigenous plants of North America. His lecture at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library introduced attendees to gradual change of their gardens to a more native selection of plants that help pollinators, wildlife and the local environment.

- **June 16** - Librarian Kathy Goodrich coordinated the Next Chapter Book Club at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. The Next Chapter Book Club inspires discussion on the books attendees have read and suggests and encourages new genres and authors.



- **Knitting and Crocheting at the Cheektowaga Libraries**
June -Cheektowaga Public Libraries Knitting and Crocheting programs (Saturdays at Anna M. Reinstein Library and Thursdays at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library) continue to teach all ages how to Knit and Crochet. Thanks to textile expert Judy Wypij for teaching the Saturday programs and Linda Wetzler for coordinating the Hooks Needles and Thread programs on Thursdays, these meetings have become more than a learning experience as attendees reach out and create a community who learn and enjoy each other's company.
- **June 5, & 26** at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (JBR) and June 14 at the Anna M. Memorial Library (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.
- **June 24** - Librarian Kathy Goodrich coordinated a Stuffed Animal Sleep Over event where Children could leave their favorite stuffed animal at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library for an overnight adventure. The stuffed animals are photographed reading, using the computers and finally tucking in for a good night's sleep. The photos are posted through the Libraries social media so the children can see what mischief and fun their fine stuffed friends have been up to. Their owners collect stuffed animals the next day with free books, photos and certificates.



- **June 26** – The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library collaborated with the Department of Labor to host a Job Fair. Thirty-two companies and employment training centers attended the event with over 200 attendees stopping by to see what opportunities were available to them. The job fair went very well with many applications being collected and interview dates being set. The Department of Labor will be in contact to host another Job Fair in the fall.



Job Fair

June 26, 2025 11:00 am- 1:00pm

Julia Boyer Reinstein Library
1030 Losson Road
Cheektowaga, NY

Join us at our highly anticipated Job Fair! This event presents an incredible opportunity for job seekers to connect with leading companies to explore a wide range of career options. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to kick-start your professional journey

Prepare your resume ahead of time, dress for success, and take the first steps towards a fulfilling career!

Attending Companies

- JM Smucker/ Milk-Bone
- Zehnder Ritting
- NYS Dept. of Civil Service
- Buffalo Wire Works
- AVOX Systems Inc. dba Safran Aerosystems Oxygen Systems US
- Retech Systems LLC
- NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision
- Tradesmen International LLC
- Delta Sonic Car Wash Systems Inc.
- Sherwood Electromotion Inc.
- BankOnBuffalo
- Spectrum Cheektowaga
- Erie County Department of Social Services
- PCB Piezotronics
- United States Postal Service
- Just for Kids School Age Programs
- NYS
- Conax Technologies
- NYSOPWDD
- Allied Universal Event Services
- Tops Markets
- New Directions Youth and Family Services
- Northland Workforce Training Center
- Sweet Home Central School District
- Gateway Longview
- Fisher Bus Service
- Erie County Personnel
- Independent Health Association
- Dynabrade, Inc.
- Buffalo Educational Opportunity Centre

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- **June 28** – The Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library hosted a Free Market Community Meet-up. Organized by Community Leader Patricia Reinbold, Participants in the event brought in gently used cloths and household items that were to be given away for free. Several donors were provided with tables and dozens of attendees left with free items needed for their homes and family.
- **June 30** – Librarian Laura Scott coordinated another successful Adult Crafts program. June's program featured making decorative potted succulents. Twenty attendees enjoyed painting and decorating the pots that hold these wonderful summer plants.



Outreach: NA

2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

- Juvenile -Non Fiction and Adult Horror checklist orders for both libraries have been placed.

3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- a. **Facilities:** This June we welcomed Nicholas Perison to the CPL Team as a new Care Taker. He will be based primarily at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library but will help at both locations as projects demand.

- b. **Technology**

NA

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

- Throughout June Director Caufield was in contact with the Department of Labor to coordinate the June 26th Job Fair.
- Throughout June Director Caufield helped Cheektowaga Town Supervisor Brain Nowak coordinate a Town Hall Meeting to take place at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on July 10.
- Working with SCORE (Service Core Of Retired Executives) and the Small Business Administration, Director Caufield has set Saturday August 16 for a day long workshop for entrepreneurs entitled "How to Start and Run Your Own Business"