



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

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- May 1, 15, & 27 at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (JBR) and May 7, 9, 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.



- 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.

- **Knitting and Crocheting at the Cheektowaga Libraries**

May - Cheektowaga Public Libraries Knitting and Crocheting programs

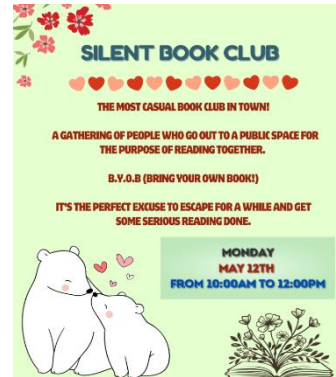
(Saturdays at Anna M. Reinstein Library and Thursdays at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library) continue to teach all ages how to Knit and Crochet. Thanks to textile expert Judy Wypij for teaching the Saturday programs and Linda Wetzler for coordinating the Hooks Needles and Thread programs on Thursdays, 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.



- May 4 - WNY IRIS SOCIETY Sunday speaker's series continued at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (JBR) with members discussing the best Irises for our climate, a hands-on demonstration in planting and how to care for your plants after they bloom. These Monthly programs help to educate and create excitement for the forthcoming Isis and Flower show occurring May 31 at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library.

- May 5 & 19 - Librarian Jeff Matrachisia continues the Adult Dungeons and Dragons sessions at the Anna M. Reinstein Library and Librarian Laura Scott is preparing for the summer Teen D&D sessions at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library.

- May 12 – The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted its monthly Silent Book Club. Readers gather at the Library and briefly chat about their books then read quietly for the hour. Attendees enjoy this quiet book club as it gets them away from the day-to-day distractions and allows them a set time to read in a quiet environment.



- May - 14 The Cheektowaga Public Libraries shared a virtual author talk with Lianne Zhang author of *Julie Chan is Dead*. Part of a monthly online author discussion group, Zhang read excerpts from her book and answered questions on writing and being an author. The virtual Author talks are provided by the *Library Speakers Consortium*. The consortium offers 2-3 *Bestselling Author Talk* events livestreamed every month to patrons of the participating library systems. The events are also archived, and can be accessed by all patrons at <https://libraryc.org/buffalolib>



- May 17 – The Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted a workshop presented by the NYS Senior Action Council called “Saving Money with Medicare”. Senior Action Council members presented how one could lower their Medicare cost, receive their maximum benefits and save money on prescriptions and insurance.

NY StateWide Senior Action Council presents:

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SAVING MONEY WITH MEDICARE

Learn how to lower your Medicare costs and maximize your benefits. Many people don't realize they qualify for programs that can save them hundreds—or even thousands—of dollars each year!



Calendar icon Saturday, May 17, 2025

Location pin icon Anna Reinstein Memorial Library
2580 Harlem Rd, Buffalo, NY 14225

Register by visiting or calling the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library
Phone icon Phone: 716-892-8089

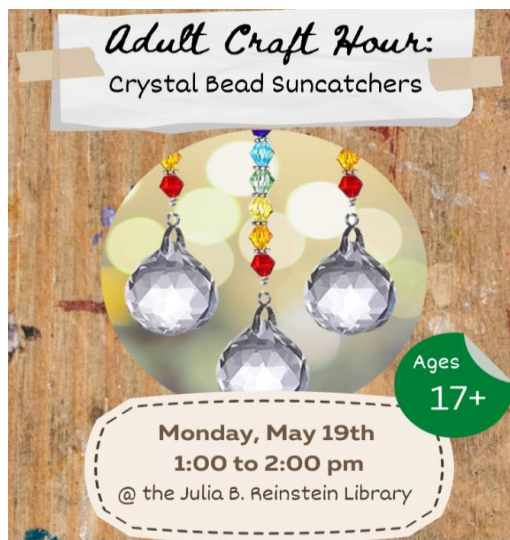
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- EPIC - Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program
- Medicaid and other state programs

 
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- May 19 - Coordinated by Librarian Laura Scott, the Adult Craft Hour programs are growing in popularity at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. This month attendees made sun catchers to hang in their windows or gardens. The projects are made to be something that can be done within an hour and has become another outlet for adults to meet at the library and make new friends.



- May 23 - Sarah Tuttle from Forty Two Photo held her biannual photo exhibit for High School students at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. For 10 weeks, students from Cheektowaga met at JBR, learning to take photographs with cellphones to advanced DSL cameras and edit them with professional software. Composition, color and theme played important roles in creating their final exhibition, which they exhibited to family and local artists for judging.



- May 31-The Western New York Iris Society presented their annual Iris and Lily Show at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Flower enthusiasts throughout Western New York gathered to view this year's best flowers and learn best practices for growing Lilies and Irises in their own backward.



Outreach:

- May 3 - Carol Veach attended STEAM Day at Cheektowaga Central High School. Over 200 adults and children stopped by the Library table to learn about programs, services and make a quick craft. The children made pinwheels and bookmarks, and adults took home flyers advertising our May and summer activities. In addition to the crafts and information, Carol also processed Library card applications for anyone who wanted a library card, with 10 new cardholders signing up.



2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

- May 10 - Central ordering checklists for new travel books and adult non-fiction were completed, new titles should be processed and in the CPL Libraries within 2 months.

Displays

Anna M. Reinstein Library

Gardening



Biographies



May is Mystery Month



Get Crafty

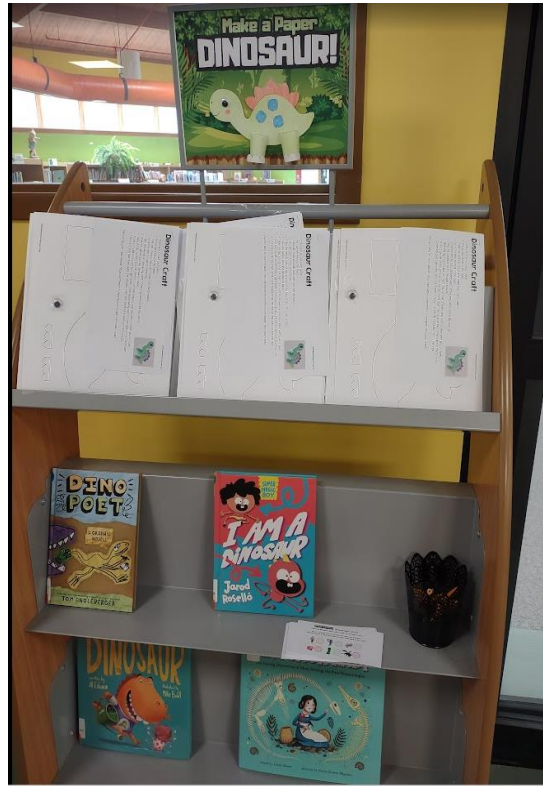


Displays Julia Boyer Reinstein Library

Gardening for Kids



Dinosaurs with a craft



Display created by the WNY Iris Society



3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Facilities:

- May 19 – Caretaker William Hietzman removed 4 dying bushes and replaced them with new foliage outside of the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library.



- May 27 - Boilers at Julia Boyer Reinstein Library needed to be shut down due to a motor error. The Library did not need to close as temperature outside is reaching spring and summer temperatures. Johnson Control HVAC shut the boilers down and set up the air condition for the summer. This will allow Johnson Control to fix the motor sometime in the summer.

b. Technology

NA

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

- May 14 - Carol Veach attended a meeting of the Cheektowaga Community Collaborative. The Collective brings together area Non-Profits and Government agencies to meet each other and share how they help the community. The Felician Center was this month's feature sharing all they do for seniors and families in our region.
- May 14 - Anna Manger Matthew Best and Director Caufield attended the B&ECPL Managers/ Directors meeting.
- May 21 - Caretakers Eric Szymborski and William Hietzman attended a CORR Customer Appreciation Day Training Day. CORR is a local company that produces many of the cleaning solutions used in the Library and this event trains showcases best practices in using their products to keep facilities clean.
- May - Director Caufield is working with the Alzheimer's association to scheduled two workshops in June/July for both Libraries.
- May 23 - The Lions Club of Cheektowaga graciously donated \$500 in support of the Libraries endeavors.