

Monthly Report for the
Cheektowaga Public Libraries (CPL)
October 2024

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- October 8 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (JBR) hosted a children's story-time with Wendy Wasner, local author and organizer of JBR'S Wednesday Writers Group. Miss Wendy read a few of her books to an excited crowd and talked about writing to the young listeners encouraging them to read and try their hand at writing their own stories.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME WITH MS WENDY

Meet Ms. Wendy!

October 8th at 6:15pm

She is a Local Self Published Author. Currently leads the Wednesday Writer's Group here at the library on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. She will read some of her kids books with titles such as "Polly the Panda," "Hannah the Horse" and "Paige the Pumpkin."

Books written by Ms. Wendy:

- October 5 & 19 - The Teen Dungeons and Dragons gaming sessions have begun for the Fall/Winter session. Librarian Laura Scott facilitates these game days and teaches attendees how to play D&D. Through her encouragement, attendance has grown and many of the attendees have shown an interest in creating their own stories and campaigns for the others to try.



- October 22 (REI) and Oct. 28 (JBR) - Both Cheektowaga Libraries hosted a pumpkin painting event for adults. Both events were very well attended with some very creative jack-o-lanterns being created and taken home by attendees.



- October 26 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted its annual Halloween Kids Party for children 12 and under. Visits and stories from a Mad Scientist, along with games and crafts made for a wonderful fun and spooky afternoon.





- October 28 - The Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library hosted a storytelling afternoon brought to the Library by the National Association of Black Storytellers (NABS). Nationally known storyteller Willa Brigham presented stories that celebrated African-centered traditions, heroes and daily life that teach life lessons to young and old. Ms. Brigham's performance at the Anna M. Reinstein Library was offered by NABS as part of their Adopt-A-Teller Program.


Enjoy a storytelling performance from the National Association of Black Storytellers!

Tue., Oct. 22 @ 10 a.m. - Dylan Pritchett
Downtown Central Library, Buffalo


Wed., Oct. 23 @ 4:30 p.m. - Ilene Evans
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch, Buffalo

Thu., Oct. 24 @ 4:30 p.m. - Toni Simmons
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch, Buffalo

Sat., Oct. 26 @ 2 p.m. - William Brigham
Anna M. Reinstein Library, Cheektowaga




**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF BLACK STORYTELLERS**
"In The Tradition..."



Buffalo & Erie County Public
LIBRARY

These performances are part of the National Association of Black Storytellers' Adopt-A-Teller Community Outreach Program (AATP). AATP is being held during the 42nd Annual National Black Storytelling Festival and Conference based at the Embassy Suites Buffalo, 200 Delaware Avenue, October 23- Oct 27. The festival is sponsored by the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc. and supported by a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts & the Nora Roberts Foundation.



- October 30 - Librarian Kathy Goodrich coordinated October's Spooky Preschool Story Hour. Families had a chance to enjoy Halloween stories read by Miss Kathy, make some crafts and go trick or treating through the Library in costume.





Outreach:

- October 28 - Working with Western New York Library Resource Council
 Director Dan Caufield spoke at a Creative Small Business Symposium held at the Central Library Downtown Buffalo. Speaking with Susan McCarthy from the Small Business Development Center, Director Caulfield’s lecture featured how Library resources can be used to help start and run a business. After the days symposium Director Caufield meet with many of the attendees in one on one sessions at the Julia Boyer Reinstein library to further explain how to access Library resources for specific businesses being developed.

**CREATIVE
 SMALL
 BUSINESS
 SYMPOSIUM**



This event will introduce local entrepreneurs to various aspects of running a small business and utilizing free resources accessible at local libraries. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from a selection of sessions offered throughout the day, taught by experienced local professionals who run or work with small businesses in the WNY region.

Topics Covered:

- Developing a Business Plan
- Small Business Financing and Tax Tips
- Intellectual Property
- Marketing and Branding
- Pricing and Vending
- Participating at Fairs and Festivals
- The Small Business Development Center and other community resources

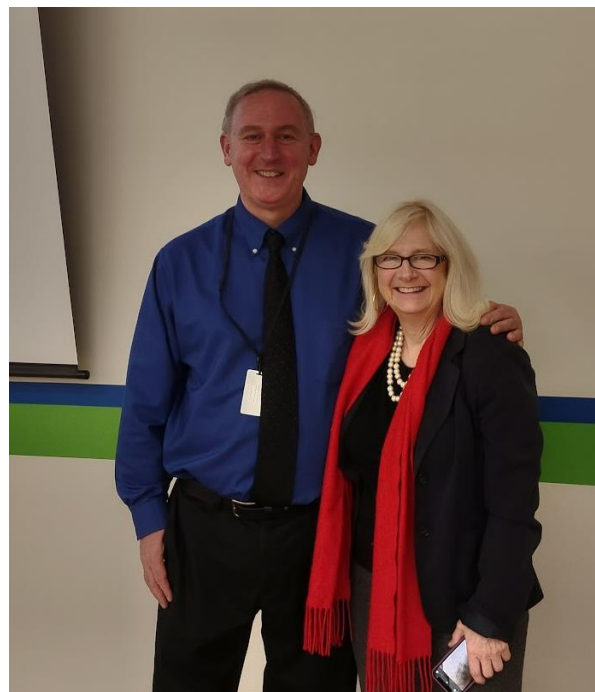
OCTOBER 28, 2024

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Central Library
 1 Lafayette Square
 Buffalo, NY 14203**

Lunch is included, no cost to attend.
 Register online at www.buffalolib.org



This event is made possible thanks to our generous sponsors:
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Outreach to the Cheektowaga Schools

- Between October 8th and 16th Carol Veach visited Union East Elementary School. Over the course of 6 days, she spoke to 730 children. Of those, 240 (33%) applied for a new library card. While there, Carol talked about what is available in the library, how to use the computers and the various programs that are offered at both Julia and Anna Reinstein Libraries. Carol will be going to Maryvale Intermediate School to speak to third graders sometime in December.

2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

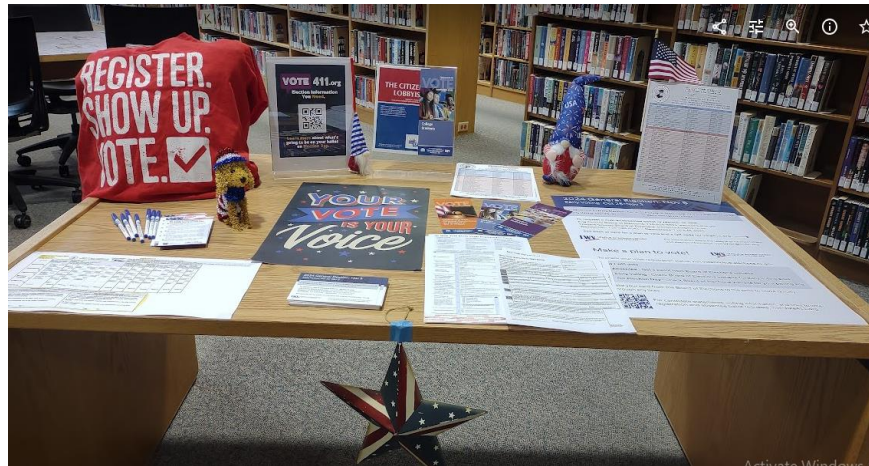
- Thanks to the diligence of Librarian Matthew Best, the book orders for both Cheektowaga Libraries have been placed for 2024. All funds received as part of the Erie County Public Library System have been spent. Book orders through private donations continue to be placed.

Displays

- SwimKins, a synchronized swimming club that meets at Maryvale Pool, set up a display honoring the U.S. synchronized swimming team who placed 2 in the 2024 Olympics. The display explained the sport and encouraged any youth who may be interested to try the sport at their free practices.



- The League of Women’s Voters set up an election 2024 display explaining the candidates and propositions on the November election ballot.



- October 2 – The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library now offers an “Inclusive Readers” collection for children 12 and under. This collection brings together works that explain Alzheimer, Autism and what it’s like to need physical assistance at an age appropriate level. Originally started with donations from the Nana’s Book Foundation this collection has grown and has become an area of interest to teachers in our Cheektowaga schools.



3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Facilities:

- October 2 - Johnson Controls adjusted the temperature for the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library and unfortunately found that one of the boilers had ground its motor and was not operational. Fortunately, the secondary, which was repaired in the summer, was operational and no interruption of service was experienced. Johnson Controls will be repairing the broken motor in November.
- October 12 - Hornets had nested and found their way into the Non-fiction area of the Anna M. Reinstein Library. Suburban Pest control was called, the nest was removed, and the open entrance sprayed. Library Care Takers filled the opening after a short wait for the pesticide to clear. No further incidence of hornets have been observed.

b. Technology NA

6. Partnerships, Meetings / Future Planning / Special Projects

- October 2 – All Cheektowaga Librarians met for an afternoon at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library to finalize the programming for 2024 and start planning for 2025
- October 17 – Director Dan Caufield met with Heidi Zimlier and members of the Western New York Library Resource Council to review preparations for the Creative Small Business Symposium occurring October 28. Caufield will be speaking on behalf of the Library and introducing local entrepreneurs to resources that could positively impact their business.
- October 21 – Director Dan Caufield met with Frank Camaratta Director of Erie County’s Office for People with Disabilities. The meeting was a walkthrough of the Cheektowaga libraries highlighting accessibility to our buildings and services. The tour went very well and Mr. Camaratta was pleased at the positive steps the Cheektowaga Libraries have made to make our services accessible to all.
- Throughout October – Both Cheektowaga Libraries have partnered with the Cheektowaga YES Group (Youth Engaged in Service). Through this successful partnership teen volunteers coordinate a Lego Club Night and Craft Night for children 12 and under at both locations. The teens who volunteer at these events receive community service credit needed to graduate High School and a chance to learn leadership skills.