

## Director's Report for September 13, 2023

Day-To-Day Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hired new PT Caretaker, Mark Schiavi, start date 8/29/23.</li><li>• Lisa Fitzpatrick out from 8/7/23 and has returned as of 9/6/23.</li><li>• Seeking quotes from security companies.</li></ul>
Internal Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Genre/Category labeling project ongoing for children's picture books.</li><li>• Leah is working on weeding adult fiction to accommodate more face-out shelving/display. Book stands were ordered with approved funds.</li><li>• 14 proposals received for building assessment. Bill and Pamela rated along with review committee.</li><li>• Fill a bag for \$1 book sale ongoing.</li><li>• Katelyn and Pamela would like to start the tower garden again to provide fresh produce and herbs for patrons throughout winter.</li><li>• Long-range initiative: Pamela is exploring grant funding and planning for a nature explorers program (backpacks with resources, participants earn awards).</li><li>• Considering refreshing paint in patron and staff bathrooms, downstairs</li></ul>
System Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Babel series 2023-24—Jhumpa Lahiri, Michelle Zauner, John Irving, Kiese Laymon</li><li>• Erie County Emergency Kits are pretty much all claimed at this point</li><li>• On Wednesday, October 11, the Library will host Books, Bites &amp; Banter Happy Hour! The event, sponsored by M&amp;T Bank, will be at Big Ditch Brewing Company (55 E. Huron St., Buffalo) from 5 – 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 presale or \$35 at the door. Admission includes 2 drink tickets and light snacks. This is a 21 and over event. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, visit: <a href="https://ways2give.buffalolib.org/happyhour">https://ways2give.buffalolib.org/happyhour</a>. Proceeds from the event benefit the Library's Bucks for Books campaign.</li><li>• Library Advocacy Day in Albany upcoming February 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday). Pamela is hoping to attend and encourages participation from Board members!</li><li>• Presentation on digitized collections in the Grosvenor Room (genealogy and special collections). Hoping to connect library staff with Historical Association to collaborate on potential digitization project(s).</li></ul>

<p>July and August Accomplishments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New programming ideas: Monthly spice club with recipes (Leah), Community Book Club with morning and afternoon sessions (Leah and Pamela).</li> <li>• Pamela and Patti attended Lackawanna Community Fun Days on 8/25/23, providing giveaways, crafts, and information to residents.</li> <li>• Pamela attending elementary open houses at Lackawanna City Schools on 9/7/23 and 9/14/23 to promote library to families at schools.</li> <li>• Pamela working with Mission Ignite to begin computer training for patrons using AmeriCorps volunteers.</li> <li>• End of Summer Reading Party was a huge success with 56 very happy attendees.</li> <li>• Book Sale was successful and attic is mostly emptied of donations and discards.</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming in September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kids' Pirate Party</b>, September 16 at 1 PM</li> <li>• <b>Young Writers' Club</b>, September 20 at 4:30 PM</li> <li>• <b>Book a Tech Trainer</b>, September 21 from 1 - 3 PM</li> <li>• <b>LEGO Club</b>, September 21 at 4 PM</li> <li>• <b>Erie County Emergency Kit Distribution</b>, September 22 from 1 – 3 PM</li> <li>• <b>Book Club</b>, September 27 at 11 AM and 6 PM– <i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i> by Kim Michele Richardson</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming in October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adult Craft Circle</b>, October 3, Spooky felt pennants at 6 PM</li> <li>• <b>Bingo returns!</b>, October 7 at 1 PM</li> <li>• <b>LEGO Club</b>, October 19 at 4 PM</li> <li>• <b>The Traveling Museum of Memento Mori</b>, October 24 from 5:30 – 7 PM</li> <li>• <b>Book Club</b>, October 25 at 11 AM and 6 PM– <i>The Haunting of Hill House</i> by Shirley Jackson</li> <li>• <b>Not-So-Spooky Kids' Party</b>, October 28 from 12 PM – 2 PM</li> </ul>
<p>Long-Range Plan Accomplishments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal I: Continue to provide quality programs to our community free of charge.</li> <li>• Goal I: Continue to partner with local schools for library tours and class visits.</li> <li>• Goal II: Continue partnering with the Lackawanna Historical Association and the Friends of the Lackawanna Library group.</li> <li>• Goal V: Provide meeting room space for local community groups and organizations.</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goal V: Continue to use social media to advertise programs, events, new materials, and displays.</li><li>• Goal V: Continue to foster good communication between Lackawanna library staff, library Director and Lackawanna Library Board of Trustees.</li></ul> |
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