# Director’s Report for September 13, 2023

| Day-To-Day Changes | • Hired new PT Caretaker, Mark Schiavi, start date 8/29/23.  
• Lisa Fitzpatrick out from 8/7/23 and has returned as of 9/6/23.  
• Seeking quotes from security companies. |
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| Internal Projects  | • Genre/Category labeling project ongoing for children’s picture books.  
• Leah is working on weeding adult fiction to accommodate more face-out shelving/display. Book stands were ordered with approved funds.  
• 14 proposals received for building assessment. Bill and Pamela rated along with review committee.  
• Fill a bag for $1 book sale ongoing.  
• Katelyn and Pamela would like to start the tower garden again to provide fresh produce and herbs for patrons throughout winter.  
• Long-range initiative: Pamela is exploring grant funding and planning for a nature explorers program (backpacks with resources, participants earn awards).  
• Considering refreshing paint in patron and staff bathrooms, downstairs |
| System Meeting     | • Babel series 2023-24—Jhumpa Lahiri, Michelle Zauner, John Irving, Kiese Laymon  
• Erie County Emergency Kits are pretty much all claimed at this point  
• On Wednesday, October 11, the Library will host Books, Bites & Banter Happy Hour! The event, sponsored by M&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: https://ways2give.buffalolib.org/happyhour. Proceeds from the event benefit the Library’s Bucks for Books campaign.  
• Library Advocacy Day in Albany upcoming February 7th (Wednesday). Pamela is hoping to attend and encourages participation from Board members!  
• 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). |
| July and August Accomplishments | • New programming ideas: Monthly spice club with recipes (Leah), Community Book Club with morning and afternoon sessions (Leah and Pamela).
• Pamela and Patti attended Lackawanna Community Fun Days on 8/25/23, providing giveaways, crafts, and information to residents.
• Pamela attending elementary open houses at Lackawanna City Schools on 9/7/23 and 9/14/23 to promote library to families at schools.
• Pamela working with Mission Ignite to begin computer training for patrons using AmeriCorps volunteers.
• End of Summer Reading Party was a huge success with 56 very happy attendees.
• Book Sale was successful and attic is mostly emptied of donations and discards. |
| Upcoming in September | • **Kids’ Pirate Party**, September 16 at 1 PM
• **Young Writers’ Club**, September 20 at 4:30 PM
• **Book a Tech Trainer**, September 21 from 1 - 3 PM
• **LEGO Club**, September 21 at 4 PM
• **Erie County Emergency Kit Distribution**, September 22 from 1 – 3 PM
• **Book Club**, September 27 at 11 AM and 6 PM—*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson |
| Upcoming in October | • **Adult Craft Circle**, October 3, Spooky felt pennants at 6 PM
• **Bingo returns!**, October 7 at 1 PM
• **LEGO Club**, October 19 at 4 PM
• **The Traveling Museum of Memento Mori**, October 24 from 5:30 – 7 PM
• **Book Club**, October 25 at 11 AM and 6 PM—*The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson
• **Not-So-Spooky Kids’ Party**, October 28 from 12 PM – 2 PM |
| Long-Range Plan Accomplishments | • Goal I: Continue to provide quality programs to our community free of charge.
• Goal I: Continue to partner with local schools for library tours and class visits.
• Goal II: Continue partnering with the Lackawanna Historical Association and the Friends of the Lackawanna Library group.
• Goal V: Provide meeting room space for local community groups and organizations. |
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