

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July-August 2023

Facility:

- We got 2 quotes from painters to paint 2 walls as well as fix and paint 9 windows in the Children's area. Quotes were for \$1,300 and \$1,500. Up for discussion.
- Order in to replace broken shade.
- Quote from Jason Briggs for rug cleaning was \$965

Gallery:

- July: John Hales photographs – Dennis Wilson-Chip carving. Artist Reception was July 21 with appx 21 in attendance.
- August: Leslie Kaner paintings – in the display case the projects from the 2023 STEM Summer Camp. Artist's reception will be on Aug. 17 4-5pm.

Programs: All Summer programs completed.

- Booklets for Summer Reading Challenge due back August 14. Winners TBA Aug. 24.
- Collaborations for Summer Programs included:
Storytime with the Adirondack YMCA Literacy Camp
Summer STEM Camp with the Town of Chester Youth Commission.
3 programs with the Town of Chester Historical Society.
- Programs with attendance figures:
July 6 Planetarium Adventures 47
July 13 – Birds of Prey 120
July 17-20 -STEM for older children – 96
July 24-27- STEM for younger children – 48
July 19 – Underground Railroad in Town of Chester - 77
July 20 – Rural Soul Drumming – 25
July 27 – Dancing – 16
Aug. 3 – Magic – 30
Aug. 10 – Puppet People - TBA
- Upcoming programs
Sat. Aug 12 11pm Author Talk. John Ruskowski on book Fish On.
Wed. Aug 16 7pm. Author Talk. Joe Haedrich Haunted Saratoga.
Wed. Sept. 21 7pm. Nasty Ned an Adk Frontiersman.

County and State Aid

County Aid Check was received in the amount of \$4,641. Budgeted amount was \$3,000
State Aid Check was received in the amount of \$1,437. Budgeted amount was \$1,000.

Grants

We have received a Grant from the Community Fund for Gore Mountain. \$750 to be used for Technology Education Programs. Dates to be announced. Will include TECH Support Saturdays, and Media Literacy Classes. Possible collaboration with the Senior Center.

Dates Closed

We were closed on Saturday August 5, for National Grid to complete their work on the power lines. Library will be closed Monday Sept. 4 for Labor Day. As soon as a schedule for painting and rug cleaning is set, we will determine whether we need to be closed.

Technology Stats

Four patrons reserved the computer room to have a private space. 2 were giving zoom classes. 1 was taking a class and one had a virtual medical appointment that required privacy.

We had 2 patrons continuing the renewal of their professional licenses.

Over the last two months we had a plethora of patrons needing help printing, copying, help with email, google and SALS Pac searches. Training on using Hoopla and Libby.

New Technology

SALS received a grant through which they were able to update the Wireless routers in all SALS libraries. Ours was installed on August 9 and will have a farther reach than the one just replaced.

Wireless Use

June Total-403. Daily avg = 32
July Total-605. Daily avg = 38

Libby Circulation

Total June checkouts =146 Audiobks=57 Ebooks=85 Magazines=4 New users 2
Total July checkouts =117 Audiobks=68 Ebooks=43 Magazines=6 New users 6

Hoopla Circulation

June Total=99 Audiobooks=62 Ebooks=31 Movies=5 Music=1
July Total =83 Audiobooks=54 Ebooks=22 Movies=6 Music=1

STATISTICS

Visits June. 2022

9 to 10am	129
10 to 11am	200
11 to 12pm	269
12 to 1pm	155
1 to 2pm	89
2 to 3pm	73
3 to 4 pm	73
4 to 5pm	49
Total Visitors	8,580

Visits June 2023

9 to 10am	120
10 to 11am	181
11 to 12pm	146
12 to 1pm	136
1 to 2pm	75
2 to 3pm	79
3 to 4 pm	56
4 to 5pm	56
Total VISITORS	849

	June 2022
Patrons in Library	848
Items checked out	1,000
ILL received	233
ILL sent	274
Computer users	34
Curbside-Homebound	0

	June 2023
Patrons in Library	849
Items checked out	1,137
ILL received	232
ILL sent	292
Computer use	35
Curbside-Homebound	0

STATISTICS

Visits July 2022

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9 to 10am	194
10 to 11am	219
11 to 12pm	189
12 to 1pm	185
1 to 2pm	126
2 to 3pm	108
3 to 4 pm	73
4 to 5pm	67
Total VISITORS	1,161

	July 2022
Patrons in Library	1,060
Items checked out	1,499
ILL received	259
ILL sent	301
Computer users	48
Curbside-Homebound	0

	July 2023
Patrons in Library	1,161
Items checked out	1,488
ILL received	212
ILL sent	264
Computer use	35
Curbside-Homebound	0

Respectfully submitted,
Alma Alvarez, Director
Town of Chester Public Library