

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JUNE 2023

Donation of \$500 for endowment fund. Deposited in GF National Bank acct.

Facility

- **Windows:** installation is complete. Waiting for painting of walls before putting shades back. Written Grant Report to SALS on this project to be submitted by mid-July.
- **Painting:** Waiting for decision on what is to be painted and what color before finding painters.
- **Designer:** Schroon Lake Library used the designer from Atelier Architects in Lake George.
- **Rugs:** To be cleaned when painting is done. Getting estimates.
- **Future project suggestions:** Window sills in children's room need attention (washing, spackling, painting). One of the shades is broken and cannot be raised and should be replaced.

Gallery:

- **June** Featuring Watercolors by Stevie Latham, Hilliary Exter and Tony Taverni. Art reception was June 8 and had over 40 in attendance.
- **July** will feature the artwork of John Hales.

Programs:

June:

Thur. June 15 7pm = Sumy slide show, Who, When, Where. In collaboration with Historical Society.

Every Friday 11pm = preschool Story Hour.

Every second Monday = Head start Story Hour.

Once a week beginning July 6-YMCA Literacy Camp storytime. In collaboration with ADK YMCA.

July:

Thur. July 6 1:30 & 2:45. Planetarium Adventures. Sign up req.

Thur. July 13 3pm. Birds of Prey - Live birds.

Mon-Fri. July 17-20 9-11 STEM Camp-Grades 4-6 In Collaboration with Youth Commission

Wed. July 19 7pm. Underground Railroad in Chester. In Collaboration with Historical Society.

Thur. July 20 3pm Rural Soul Drumming

Mon-Fri. July 24-27 9-11. STEM Camp Grades 1-3 In Collaboration with Youth Commission

Thur. July 27 3pm Interactive Dancing

Summer reading: We are again offering a Summer Reading Challenge. Signups began June 14, 2023. Flyers on this and all our summer programs were distributed through North Warren School. Reading begins July 6 through August 14.

Rural Libraries Roundtable, a meeting of library directors from 8 of the SALS System rural libraries. It took place at the Argyle Library which had just completed the reorganization of their children's collection by subject, very similar to ours. Discussions included managing staff, communicating with trustees, handling difficult patrons, and handling complaints about books in the collection or programs offered. Future meetings will be held at other libraries on a rotational schedule.

Vacation:

I will be out on vacation from Wed. June 28 and will return Thur. July 6.

Grant application

Application has been submitted to the Community Fund for The Gore Mountain Region, for Technology Education programs.

Dates Closed

Sat. June 10 - National Grid work

Mon. June 19 - Juneteenth

Tues. July 4-Independence Day

Tax Exemption Certification

We have received the tax-exempt letter from the IRS. The next step is to apply for NYS Exemption, and after that we need to apply for a SMA number in our name. When all this is in place, we will be ready to apply for State & Federal funds and grants.

Technology Stats

- *Staff*

30 min helping with set up for virtual job interview

45 min helping VFW do IRS filings

2hrs set up-troubleshoot equipment for presentation and run tech for program

20 one on one technology help sessions with email, downloads and printing, other technology use.

- *Computer use*

2hr video conference call

6hr. (over 5 days) On-going Completion of Professional Realtor Certification

25 individual signups for computer use.

283 wireless log ins for May.

STATISTICS

Visits May. 2022

9 to 10am	45
10 to 11am	67
11 to 12pm	92
12 to 1pm	52
1 to 2pm	38
2 to 3pm	45
3 to 4 pm	27
4 to 5pm	21
Total Visitors	387

33% increase in visits
Over 2022

Visits May 2023

9 to 10am	174
10 to 11am	217
11 to 12pm	194
12 to 1pm	129
1 to 2pm	115
2 to 3pm	100
3 to 4 pm	147
4 to 5pm	92
Total VISITORS	1168

	May 2022
Patrons in Library	387
Items checked out	975
ILL received	172
ILL sent	201
Computer users	13
Curbside-Homebound	0

	May 2023
Patrons in Library	1,168
Items checked out	953
ILL received	167
ILL sent	250
Computer use	25
Curbside-Homebound	0

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