

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March, 2023

Trustee Terms

The Department of Library Development (DLD), after reviewing the 2022 Annual Reports from Libraries, has requested that Libraries should try to have all Trustee terms beginning in January and ending in December. This will probably entail shortening terms for Noelle McCrum and Ryan Hutton and any new Trustee so terms end in Dec. Terms cannot exceed five years, so we will have to do a one-time adjustment. Waiting on more info from DLD before officially changing terms.

NCPR Interview

Monica Sandreski host of Northern Light on North Country Public Radio did an interview with Phyllis Brown on her photographic exhibit at our Ruplin Gallery as well as her other works and processes. Interview link is posted on Facebook.

Art Exhibits in the Ruplin Gallery

Ruplin Gallery and Display Case for March is exhibiting the works of North Warren High School art classes.

April will feature the work of Second Floor Studio Artists in the gallery, display case and around the library.

Programs

Preschool Storytime every Friday 11am in the library.

The library is collaborating with North Warren Headstart to bring story hour to their students every other Monday.

Wilderness Survival with Frank Shaw. April 22 1:30pm in the library. Target Audience = high school aged students. Signups. Limit 30.

SALS Annual Meeting Dinner

This May, SALS annual meeting and dinner will be held LIVE for the first time since 2019.

Date: Mon. May 15, 2023 5pm-7pm at the Courtyard by Marriot, Excelsior Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY. Signups begin in April. Trustees are encouraged to attend.

Absentee Ballot applications

Patrons may pick applications for absentee ballots in the library.

Pollinator kits

We are one of 15 libraries in the SALS, Franklin-Essex and Mid-York Library Systems to receive a grant from AdkAction for Pollinator Kits to be used in a program during Pollinator Week 2023, June 19-25,2023. Pollinator Kits contain a variety of educational resources for children and adults, including pollinator-focused books, posters, native wildflower seed packets, kids' activities, fact sheets, quizzes, word searches and puzzles, pollinator guides, links to additional online resources, and other materials. These will be used in programs to raise awareness for pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. More details to come as soon as kits are received.

STATISTICS

Visits Feb. 2022

9 to 10am	46
10 to 11am	73
11 to 12pm	68
12 to 1pm	37
1 to 2pm	53
2 to 3pm	42
3 to 4 pm	25
4 to 5pm	4
Total Visitors	348

Visits Feb. 2023

9 to 10am	74
10 to 11am	119
11 to 12pm	109
12 to 1pm	57
1 to 2pm	86
2 to 3pm	69
3 to 4 pm	40
4 to 5pm	7
Total VISITORS	561

	Feb. 2022
Patrons in Library	348
Items checked out	757
ILL received	164
ILL sent	230
Computer users	17
Curbside-Homebound	5

	Feb. 2023
Patrons in Library	561
Items checked out	1,014 (up 33%)
ILL received	213
ILL sent	322
Computer use	10
Curbside-Homebound	0

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