

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2024

Trustee Terms

The Department of Library Development (DLD) has sent the paperwork to be completed for changing Trustee terms. Paperwork must be notarized, so we will wait until Noelle returns in early May.

Art Exhibits in the Ruplin Gallery

Ruplin Gallery in April will exhibit the Astrophotography of Bob Fisher. The Display case will feature books on Solar Eclipses.

May in the Ruplin Gallery will feature the Chip Carvings of Dennis Wilson. In the Display Case there will be Illustrated and signed Children's books by Deborah Kogan Ray. Books are from the private collection of Barbara Dunham.

NCPR Interview

Monica Sandreski host of Northern Light on North Country Public Radio will be doing an interview with Bob Fisher regarding his Astrophotography. Interview has been taped, date of airing to be announced.

Programs

Preschool Storytime every Friday 11am in the library and bi-weekly at Headstart and Pre-K class at North Warren.

Chess Club meets every Saturday morning. Drop-ins welcome.

In March Seth McGowan from the Adirondack Sky Center and Observatory in Tupper Lake, gave an excellent presentation on Solar Eclipses in general and Solar Eclipses in the Adirondacks along with information on handling the crowds and traffic for the up-coming Eclipse. There were 35 people in attendance.

The library gave out 500 eclipse viewing glasses to the community. The glasses came to us as a grant from the Star Library Network, a division of the Space Science Institute in Boulder Colorado.

Town of Chester 225 Anniversary.

This year the Town will be celebrating their anniversary in July. The Historical Society will be displaying appropriate photos in the Ruplin Gallery and in the Display case. More details to come.

SALS Annual Meeting Dinner

On May, SALS annual meeting and dinner will be held at Fort William Henry in Lake George. Trustees are encouraged to attend.

Absentee Ballot and voter registration applications

Patrons may pick applications in the library.

Withdrawal of Schenectady Central Library and its 9 Branches from SALS-MVLS Joint Automation Project: A copy of the announcement and SALS reply are attached. Method of withdrawal and repercussions are under consideration at this time.

STATISTICS

Visits March 2023

9 to 10am	86
10 to 11am	142
11 to 12pm	95
12 to 1pm	70
1 to 2pm	49
2 to 3pm	44
3 to 4 pm	46
4 to 5pm	38
Total Visitors	570

Visits Mar. 2024

9 to 10am	174
10 to 11am	135
11 to 12pm	96
12 to 1pm	65
1 to 2pm	55
2 to 3pm	59
3 to 4 pm	54
4 to 5pm	25
Total Visitors	663

	Mar. 2023
Patrons in Library	570
Items checked out	1,014
ILL received	237
ILL sent	403
Computer users	21

	Mar. 2024
Patrons in Library	663
Items checked out	686
ILL received	162
ILL sent	369
Computer use	20

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