

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 2024

Dates Closed

Due to power outages Library was closed on Wed. July 17. Power came back on July 18 at 8am and Library was open from 10am to 1pm until the power went out again. Library opened for full day on Friday July 19. Though the power came back our circulation system, email and public computers were all down, but WIFI still worked. Due to power outages and surges, some of the older equipment which powers the Polaris Circulation system was compromised and had to be replaced. The SALS Joint Automation Technician came up and installed the new equipment even though the power had gone out. Because of the changes of IP addresses, we had to wait until Monday before the Circulation System was fully restored.

Our Spectrum connection also experienced difficulties and there were no public computer services until Monday, July 19.

Delivery

Due to problems with a newly hired (and newly terminated) delivery man, we have changed our delivery system.

Grant

We have been granted, but not yet received, a Love Your Library Grant of \$190 (through SALS) to be used for children's programming.

Tiny Art Exhibition

Tiny Art Exhibition will be on display in the library for the months of July and August. Includes the work of 27 different artists.

Town of Chester 225 Anniversary Celebration July 13

This day saw 167 people in the Library to view the Historical Society's photographic display and to attend the Friends of the Library Book Sale which took place partially in the Library.

Friends Basket Raffle

Baskets have been set up in the library and tickets are on sale at the Circulation desk through Sept. 20.

June-July 2024 Programs

Summer Storytime Programs:

Every Friday 11pm = Preschool Story Hour.

Once a week beginning July 6 through the end of August-YMCA Literacy Camp Storytime. In collaboration with ADK YMCA.

JULY

Ruplin Gallery featured photographs of the Town of Chester then and now, from the collection

of the Town of Chester Historical Society honoring the 225 Anniversary of the Town of Chester. The Display case featured relevant historical items from the Historical Society's Collection.

- Mon-Thur. July 8-11. STEM Camp-Grades 4-6 In Collaboration with Youth Commission. Attendance 36.
- Thur. July 11. 3 pm North American & Exotic Live Animals. Attendance 125.
- Mon-Thur. July 15-18. STEM Camp Grades 1-3 In Collaboration with Youth Commission. Attendance 52.
- Thur. July 18. 1:30 & 2:45. Planetarium Adventures: Explore the Solar System. Cancelled Power due to power outage.
- Thur. July 25. 3 pm. Magical Adventures Magic Show . Attendance 60

Up Coming Programs

- Thur. Aug. 1. 3pm Super Reptile Show. Live Animals
- Thur. Aug. 8. 3pm Juggling, Uni-cycles, Balloons, Fire eater.
- Wed. Aug. 14 7pm Melanie Sawyer, Living History. In collaboration with Historical Society.
- Thur. Aug. 15. 3pm The Puppet People: The Tortoise and the Hare.

Request for change in Trustee terms

Our request for the change in Trustee terms will be going before the Board of Regents for approval at their Sept. 10, 2024 meeting.

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

See Statistics on next 2 pages.

STATISTICS

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

Visits June 2024

9 -10am	107
10-11am	120
11-12pm	134
12- 1pm	139
1 to 2pm	68
2 to 3pm	60
3 to 4pm	52
4 to 5pm	29
Total Visitors	709

	June 2023
Patrons in Library	849
Items checked out	1137
ILL received	232
ILL sent	292
Computer users	35
Wireless	403

	June 2024
Patrons in Library	709
Items checked out	979
ILL received	190
ILL sent	301
Computer use	35
Wireless	387

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Visits July 2023

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	1161

Visits July 2024

9-10am	
10-11am	
11-12pm	
12- 1pm	
1 to 2pm	
2 to 3pm	
3 to 4 pm	
4 to 5pm	
Total Visitors	

	July 2023
Patrons in Library	1161
Items checked out	1488
ILL received	212
ILL sent	264
Computer users	35
Wireless Use	605

	July 2024
Patrons in Library	
Items checked out	1424
ILL received	221
ILL sent	294
Computer use	40
Wireless Use	687