

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MAY 2024

Continuing Education

As required by Minimum Standards, the Director completed a 90 minute webinar on Conflict Resolution Techniques in the Library: How to de-escalate flair-ups.

Art Exhibits in the Ruplin Gallery

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

June in the Ruplin Gallery features the Black and White art work of the 2nd Flr. Artists of the Town of Chester Senior Center. Paintings will be based on Poetry selected by the artists.

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.

Library is collecting Eclipse viewing glasses to be given to Astronomers Without Borders, who will provide them for viewing up-coming eclipses in South America. Glasses can be dropped in the container provided in the library.

Up-coming Programs

Attached you will find a listing of family programs booked for the Summer of 2024.

Community Miniature Art Exhibition. Beginning May 15, the Library will be handing out miniature art kits which consist of 4" X 4" canvases along with paints, pallets, and brushes to patrons. Completed artwork will be returned to the library for exhibit display in the Library for the month of July. Artists of all ages are encouraged to participate.

July 8-11 and 15-18, the Library, in collaboration with the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission, will present **STEM Camp for children.**

Beginning in June, the Library, in collaboration with the Town of Chester Historical Society will present a series of evening programs of interest on various topics for adults. Schedule and details to follow.

Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region 2024 Grant

Application is submitted to Fund a round of Tech Support Saturdays.

STATISTICS

Visits April 2023

9 to 10am	81
10 to 11am	117
11 to 12pm	86
12 to 1pm	75
1 to 2pm	66
2 to 3pm	46
3 to 4 pm	72
4 to 5pm	43
Total Visitors	586

Visits April 2024

9 to 10am	77
10 to 11am	119
11 to 12pm	104
12 to 1pm	60
1 to 2pm	33
2 to 3pm	64
3 to 4 pm	49
4 to 5pm	24
Total Visitors	560

	Apr. 2023
Patrons in Library	586
Items checked out	825
ILL received	220
ILL sent	319
Computer users	11

	Apr. 2024
Patrons in Library	560
Items checked out	818
ILL received	215
ILL sent	292
Computer use	20

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

Thur. July 11-3pm
North American & Exotic Live Animals, with Bernadette Hoffman

Thur. July 18-1:30 or 2:45 (Sign up required)
Planetarium Adventures: Explore the Solar System, with Chris Grubb

Thur. July 25 – 3pm
Magical Adventures with Magician Jim Snack

Thur. August 1-3pm
Super Reptile Show! Live Reptiles presented by Uncharted Wild

Thur. Aug. 8-3pm
Juggling (plus balloons & unicycles) with Schuyler Grotto

Thur. Aug. 15-3pm
Tortoise & The Hare Puppet Show with The Puppet People