

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 2024

Donations and Income

\$200 donation from the Loon Lake Park District's Marv Cole Golf Tournament.

\$1,493 State Aid check via SALS (budgeted for \$1,000).

\$100 Donation from the Bromberg Family

Grant

\$117.00 received from The Love Your Library Grant via SALS to be used for children's programming.

New equipment

One new public computer and one new staff computer have been installed. They are running Windows 11 which has programs for the hearing and vision impaired such as a narrator program, on screen keyboard, live captions, magnify and voice access options.

Friends Basket Raffle

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

JULY AUGUST 2024 PROGRAMS

Summer Storytime Programs:

Library Preschool Story Hour-9 sessions- 169 attendance

YMCA Literacy Camp Storytime. In collaboration with ADK YMCA. 5 sessions attendance=142

STEM Workshops in collaboration with Chester-Horicon Youth Commission

8 sessions-attendance 72

Summer Family Programs: 5 programs Total Attendance 351

North American Animals attendance 125

Magic attendance 50

Reptiles attendance 98

Juggling attendance 44

Puppets attendance 34

Summer Adult Programs in collaboration with Historical Society

Living History Melanie Sawyer- attendance 35

15 summer literacy one on one tutoring sessions held in library.

Ruplin Gallery

August-Exhibition of the paintings and pencil sketches of Joseph Kern.

The Display Case features the pottery of Caiti Callen

September-Collages of Lisa Collado in the Gallery

The Display Case features the work of members of The Adirondack Folk School in Lake Luzerne

Request for change in Trustee terms

Our request for the change in Trustee terms was approved at the Sept. 10, 2024 meeting of the Board of Regents. While the resolution approval appears in their online minutes, we have not received official notification.

FOIL requests to libraries

A policy on this is needed.

Schenectady Libraries' Withdrawal from Joint Automation Project

As of August 31, 2024-Request for items from Schenectady Libraries will not be filled. Final withdrawal of Schenectady libraries from Polaris database will be December 31, 2024. Automation Fees for 2025 will not increase.

Reminder: Sara Dallas, SALS Director will attend our October meeting.

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

See statistics on next page.

STATISTICS

Visits August 2023

9 to 10am	133
10 to 11am	256
11 to 12pm	166
12 to 1pm	140
1 to 2pm	105
2 to 3pm	92
3 to 4 pm	118
4 to 5pm	44
Total Visitors	1,054

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9 -10am	131
10-11am	163
11-12pm	172
12- 1pm	181
1 to 2pm	80
2 to 3pm	78
3 to 4pm	67
4 to 5pm	81
Total Visitors	953

	Aug 2023
Patrons in Library	1054
Items checked out	1262
ILL received	233
ILL sent	295
Computer users	43
Wireless	580

	Aug 2024
Patrons in Library	953
Items checked out	1249
ILL received	221
ILL sent	315
Computer use	26
Wireless	547