

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 2026

Art Exhibition

August in the Ruplin Gallery features the photography of John Hales and paintings by Penny Downs. The showcase features sculptures by Joseph Kern.

Summer Family Programs and Summer Reading Challenge for Children

Summer Reading Challenge ran from July 5 through August 13. Winners to be announced.

The following programs were presented:

Pre-School Story Hour – 4 sessions in July every Friday, 11AM with monthly attendance over 40.

July 9 - REPCO Reptile show (co-sponsored with Horicon Library) Attendance 65

Thur. July 17 3pm- Juggling Plus! with Schuyler Gratto Attendance 45

July 20-24 Stem Camp with Susannah Stiehm. Attendance 60

(co-sponsored with Chester Youth Commission).

Thur. July 23 3pm-Magical Adventures with Magician Jim Snack. Attendance 46

Thur. August 6 1:30 or 2:45pm. Planetarium Adventures Stars & Our Sun

With Chris Grubb. Attendance 45

Thur. August 13 3pm-Super Reptile Show-Live Reptiles with Adam Bornt. Attendance tba.

Programs co-sponsored with Historical Society

June 4-Adirondack doctor Daniel Way. Attendance 50

July 22- The First Adirondackers -Fadden & Sagan. Attendance 85

July 29 American Revolution – Pearsall Attendance 35

Aug.6 – Big Cats of the Adirondacks with Dr. Paul Jensen. Attendance 40

August 12 -Adirondack Architect with Tom Lynch. Attendance 35

Salary Budget Adjustment

- From line L7410. 144 move:
 - \$3,000 to Line7410.143 (Wendy)
 - \$2,000 to Line 7410.142 (Alma)
- From Line L7410.469-Other operation-maintenance, move:
 - \$1,000 to Line L7410.430 Office & Library Supplies

Trustee Education Requirement

Only two Trustees have completed their requirements for 2026. Requirements should be completed sooner than later as we are more than half way through 2026.

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

STATISTICS

July 2026

9 to 10am	158
10 to 11am	215
11 to 12pm	252
12 to 1pm	229
1 to 2pm	153
2 to 3pm	131
3 to 4 pm	81
4 to 5pm	88
Total Visitors	1,307

July 2025

9 -10am	191
10-11am	223
11-12pm	212
12- 1pm	185
1 to 2pm	110
2 to 3pm	127
3 to 4pm	100
4 to 5pm	67
Total Visitors	1,215

	July 2026
Patrons in Library	1,307
Items checked out	1,420
ILL received	161
ILL sent	367
Computer users	25
Wireless	801
Tech help	10
Fax	0

	July 2025
Patrons in Library	1,215
Items checked out	1,317
ILL received	168
ILL sent	341
Computer use	40
Wireless	741
Tech Help	6
Fax	6

STATISTICS

June 2026

9 to 10am	128
10 to 11am	12
11 to 12pm	164
12 to 1pm	145
1 to 2pm	83
2 to 3pm	70
3 to 4 pm	67
4 to 5pm	63
Total Visitors	183

June 2025

9 -10am	137
10-11am	112
11-12pm	145
12- 1pm	90
1 to 2pm	63
2 to 3pm	68
3 to 4pm	58
4 to 5pm	29
Total Visitors	702

	June 2026
Patrons in Library	183
Items checked out	1,147
ILL received	178
ILL sent	338
Computer users	21
Wireless	454
Tech Help	13
Fax	3

	June 2025
Patrons in Library	702
Items checked out	1,238
ILL received	170
ILL sent	259
Computer use	30
Wireless	451
Tech Help	12
Fax	6