

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2026

Art Exhibition

In May the Ruplin Gallery featured the work of artist Diane Kline and the Showcase featured items on the American Revolution from the private collection of David LaPell.

June in the Ruplin Gallery and Showcase features artwork from the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Club of Warren County. This exhibit's reception will be held on Fri. June 12 at 4pm.

Programs

The Library hosted the first of its collaborative programs with the Historical Society. This featured a lecture and slide show by Dr. Daniel Way, on Images and Stories from a rural Adirondack Medical Practice. Program attendance was 35.

Up coming program on June 22 7pm features a book talk with Carl Sager and David Fadden showcasing their new book The First Adirondackers: 12,000 years of Indigenous Peoples in the Adirondack Uplands.

Other programs in this series include:

- July 8-Me-Martin Seelye 13th Generation Descendant of a 1630 Immigrant.
- July 22 - Glenn Pearsall The American Revolution: What They Did Not Teach Us In School.
- Aug 6 - Dr. Paul Jensen Big Cats of the Northeast
- Aug 12-Tom Lynch-Ward Shippey: Adirondack Architect

Summer Family Programs and Summer Reading Challenge for Children Ages 6--17

- Summer Reading Challenge begins July 6 through August 13.
- Pre-School Story Hour - Every Friday, 11AM
- Thur. July 9 3pm- In collaboration with the Horicon Library, Repco's Unearth A Story
Reptiles that share a connection with past fossils
- Thur. July 16 3pm-Juggling Plus! Balloons-unicycles-fire eating, etc.
- July 20-24 In collaboration with the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission-
Stem Camp with Susannah Stiehm.
- July 23 3pm Magical Adventures with Jim Snack
- Thur. July 30 3pm Music with RiverJack Z
- Thur. Aug. 6 1:30 or 2:45pm (sign ups required). Planetarium Adventures Explores the Life
of a Star & Our Sun with Chris Grubb
- Thur. Aug 13 3pm-Super Reptile Show-Live Reptiles with Adam Bornt

2027 Budget

The Finance Committee needs to set a date to meet in July to work on the 2026 Budget.

Recap of Meetings and Workshops for 2026 YTD attended by Director:

SALS Directors Meetings, Jan, March, May. Rural Libraries Roundtable, April. Director's Handbook: Minimum Standards: Policies, (upcoming) Trustee Handbook Library Laws and Regulations, Instructional Workshops: Using Polaris Leap, Using E-card for new card enrollees, Inter-library Loan for your system and beyond.

STATISTICS

May 2026

9 to 10am	105
10 to 11am	124
11 to 12pm	119
12 to 1pm	90
1 to 2pm	57
2 to 3pm	51
3 to 4 pm	76
4 to 5pm	50
Total Visitors	672

	May 2026
Patrons in Library	672
Items checked out	927
ILL received	161
ILL sent	309
Computer users	35
Wireless	453
Tech help	10
Fax	3

May 2025

9 -10am	95
10-11am	97
11-12pm	92
12- 1pm	78
1 to 2pm	53
2 to 3pm	56
3 to 4pm	55
4 to 5pm	37
Total Visitors	563

	May 2025
Patrons in Library	563
Items checked out	765
ILL received	103
ILL sent	313
Computer use	25
Wireless	422
Tech Help	9
Fax	4

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