

## Library Report 10/21/2024

The Wead Library Fall 2024 book sale ran from October 4-12th. Total sales were \$931. (\$707 on Friday and \$127 on Saturday). Once again, the assistance from volunteers is crucial and much appreciated. Teen volunteers who set up the sale were C Bonville, E Atkinson, H Botto, D Dyer, B Pbelan, K Norman, E St Mary and R Hanna. Our veteran crew returning to run the sale on the first day were L Marshall, B Winthrop-Benware, J Chatland, D Trickey, J Leclerc and C Eggsware who also returned for the Saturday shift. It should also be noted that the Free Trader generously continued to publicize our sale with a free ad, and the Malone Telegram combined coverage of the sale with this month's Library Crawl event in an article published before the sale.

October's programs and events are off to a strong start. 13 Library Crawl passports have been given out to date which is already more than last year. There was good attendance with Carol Hoenig's author visit on Oct 11th with 17 attendees. Another local author visit is scheduled for Oct 25th when TJ Laverne returns with her newest book. Due to multiple enquiries, we are also hopeful for good attendance for the upcoming "Witchcraft in Early America" and "Halloween in Ireland: Then and Now" topics presented by college professors on Oct 23rd and Oct 30th respectively. W McQuinn's Qigong and Gentle Movement on Tuesday mornings continues to be popular. The first session of the *Garden Thyme* monthly event attracted 7 patrons who were able to speak with L Trudell, Horticulture Educator & Greenhouse Manager at Franklin County Cornell Cooperative Extension. Regular attendance is holding steady on monthly Book Club and Knot Just Knitting dates. Lego Club was attended by 13 children and 7 adults this month. Participation at story hours tends to be cyclic and we will continue to monitor and tweak schedules to offer the best times for employees and the community.

Wead Library staff were able to gather for dinner at Donovan's Restaurant on October 1st where we had the opportunity to extend congratulations to K Martin on her acceptance of a reference librarian position in Massachusetts. After working 9 years (5 ½ pt and 3 ½ ft) at the Wead Library she will be missed and we wish her well on her move. Her last day at the library was October 1st.

The 2023 Comptroller's Report is back in the hands of the state while we await clarification on another edit per the direction of CEFLS accountant M Spofford. I hope to start the 2024 Comptroller's Report before the 2024 annual report begins in January. I will also be completing the payroll reporting form for civil service in the next few weeks.

Keating's Electric installed a timer switch for the gazebo which turns the power off from 11pm to 6am. Cleansweep hopes to trim the bushes around the property in the next few weeks. We were informed the cedar hedge which sustained heavy damage from salting the driveway last winter will most likely not be salvaged. Superior Snow Services will be maintaining the driveway this season. I have asked that sand be used whenever possible, but was informed salt will be applied in icy conditions. Cleansweep has been contacted to make sure the snowblower is serviced and ready for action.

I have been in contact with Malone Central School District and we are awaiting lift inspections. Harris Oil performed regular maintenance on the boiler Oct 17th. They reported the units are in very good shape. They will order a heat pump to have on hand should we need it. Cornerstone and Ice Time were contacted on October 1st to submit more information on the efficiency of the air conditioning units in their proposals. To date I have not gotten a response from either.

*Respectfully,  
Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk*

Librarian Report  
October 21, 2024

At the first Stories & STEAM event, I read the book *I am Money* by Julia Cook and we played the Thinking Money for Kids game “Penny Pinchers’ Party.” The game had the learning goals of understanding what a budget is and how it is useful, understanding basic business relationships (customer/provider), and understanding that value can differ from cost (i.e., that fun does not necessarily mean expensive, or vice versa). The participants were engaged completely throughout the activity, and I received positive feedback from the caregivers. I can’t wait to continue adding Thinking Money activities into the Stories and STEAM schedule. I received the six Playaway Launchpad Kids tablets that will be added to the collection. The launchpads are pre-loaded with five digital games aligned with the in-person programs. All games are bilingual (English/Spanish).

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended the American Library Association (ALA) webinar “Here Comes Kindergarten How Public Libraries Can Promote School Readiness.” It was a great session. It was encouraging to see things that I already have included in Story Hour, and the ways in which I can change things in the future. Thursday’s Story Hour session has had zero attendance so far. This is not surprising, as many of my previous preschool kids are now in school. I am hoping to be able to switch to a new evening Story Hour session in the future.

The library has received both high-quality used and new items for the Sustainable Clothing Swap. Success! Now, the priority will be to get community members into the building on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to swap. I will be attending the Families R Us “Trick or Treat for Books” event on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The event will run from 4-7 p.m. I will be giving out Halloween themed bookmarks and library information.

I am attaching a flyer for the webinar we are hosting with the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (EDCAP). According to the website, “EDCAP is New York’s designated education debt consumer assistance program, providing comprehensive support to New Yorkers navigating all types of education debt, whether federal or private. EDCAP offers financial guidance across the entire higher education continuum, assisting individuals in accessing financial aid and effectively managing existing student loans.” More information can be found by visiting

<https://www.cssny.org/programs/entry/edcap>. This free webinar is intended to help community members learn about higher education funding options, how federal loans for students and parents work and how to analyze college awards letters. Although this webinar is intended to be viewed from home, we can set patrons up with a Wead Library device for viewing or depending on the number of people wishing to view from the library, I could project the webinar. I am required to be a panelist on the session so that I can introduce the presenter and be available for library related questions.

I am hoping to be able to prioritize looking at previously approved policies to ensure that the Board of Trustees has access to the most recent version. I could potentially upload each file from the desktop to an Outlook folder and grant each member access. If there are any suggestions or thoughts, please let me know.

Thank you.

Chelsie Russo  
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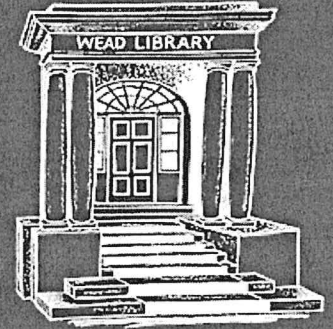
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