

Library Report 6/17/2024

The June 2024 book sale has wrapped up after running May 31 through June 8th. \$687 was deposited from the sale. \$471 was made on Friday, \$86 on the first Saturday and \$130 was collected the rest of the week. Volunteers are critical to this event. We cannot send enough thanks to J. Lavoie for organizing and sorting the donations, the teen volunteers and K Martin for handling the setup, and L Marshall, B Winthrop-Benware, J Chatland, C Eggsware and J Leclerc for manning the first two days. The next sale is slated for October 4th. Donations will be accepted again in September.

The Wead Library will be a location for the Malone Central School District Free Lunch Program again this summer. The program starts July 8th and runs through August 16th. Children 18 and under can receive a healthy bag lunch at the library Monday - Friday from 11:15am - 12:15pm. Bags are distributed by a MCSD employee who will be stationed in the reading room on the main floor.

This summer the library is also partnering with Bokie's Drive-In for the 3rd year to bring Bokie's Sweet Reads to the community. Patrons of all ages can pick-up a bookmark at the Wead Library. After reading and recording the set number of books for their age group, bookmarks are validated at the library. The bookmarks can then be turned in at Bokies for an ice cream treat. Patrons 13+ also have the opportunity to log the challenge into the library's Beanstack app.

I met with P Kaye, Lead Regional Public Affairs Manager for Educational Media Foundation. He has scheduled a free general public service announcement for the Wead Library to air from July 21st - Aug 3rd and again Nov 3rd - 16th on both 94.7 K-LOVE and 96.5 Air 1.

Maintenance on the building is ongoing. 7Cs Masonry currently has the ramp and portico repair scheduled for early August, weather permitting. The lift has been experiencing inconsistent glitches with the door opening. After calling the maintenance company to schedule service, I was informed that a new law enacted after the lift was installed calls for it to be inspected twice annually. I contacted Buildings and Grounds at MCSD who gave me the name of the company they use for inspection (Accessibility Solutions). I will schedule an inspection after the maintenance is completed.

Respectfully,
Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk

Librarian Report
June 17, 2024

I have exciting news regarding the Yearbook Project! Despite the challenges faced last month, a staff member at Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN) has taken on the task of uploading our yearbook collection to New York Heritage! At this time, 33 yearbooks have been uploaded. I cannot wait to begin sharing the collection with the community.

In honor of Juneteenth, we were able to schedule author Amy Godine to give a presentation on her book, "The Black Woods: Pursuing Racial Justice on the Adirondack Frontier." The event was organized in the last two weeks of May, and still we were able to have a successful event. The 45-minute presentation was followed by a question-and-answer portion. I hope to have more Adirondack authors in the future. It was great to connect Adirondack history with such an important holiday.

The A. Godine Presentation and an upcoming presentation for the Summer Reading Program (SRP) has made me consider the topic of presentation fees. In my opinion, a presentation or workshop by an experienced professional or researcher should receive compensation. A brief reading and book signing would not fall under this category. I believe it would be beneficial for the library to determine a specific budget for education presentations and workshops in the future. Especially, if the programs continue to be well attended.

I have been thinking for some time about how to utilize volunteers at the library. The library receives a steady stream of requests and completed volunteer applications forms. Potential tasks could include dusting and straightening shelves, providing assistance before and during programs with sign-in and crowd control, washing toys and board books, and cleanup and setup for events and programs. These tasks are either not typically done by paid employees or become rushed due to limited staff availability.

SRP planning is coming to a conclusion. K. Martin and I hope to have everything finalized soon. We are planning reading challenges for children, teens, and adults. The schedule and brochure should be out soon.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

-Chelsie Russo

Reading Programs



Children 12 & under

HELP SMOKEY CELEBRATE HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY BY LEARNING HOW TO PREVENT WILDFIRES AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT.

Read three (3) books and earn four (4) badges to complete the challenge.

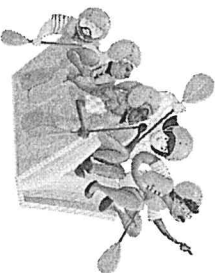
Bring your completed challenge to the Wead Library by Saturday, August 10th, 2024 to receive your certificate, stamps, and prize!

Teens 13 - 18

Teens can participate by tracking their reading on the Beanstack app or website. Log up to ten (10) hours of reading and receive a free book. Show front desk staff the challenge completion badge to receive your prize!

* If needed, a paper copy can be found at the circulation desk.

Adults



Adults can participate by tracking their reading on the Beanstack app or website. Log up to ten (10) hours of reading and receive a raffle ticket for each hour read. You will have the chance to distribute your tickets among multiple prize options.

* If needed, a paper copy can be found at the circulation desk.

BOOKIE'S SWEET READS @ THE WEAD LIBRARY

Keep track of your reading to receive FREE ice cream!

Visit the Wead Library or Bokie's Drive-In to pick up your bookmark reading trackers (for ages 18 & under) or visit

WeadLibrary.Beanstack.org (**for ages 19 & up) to get started.

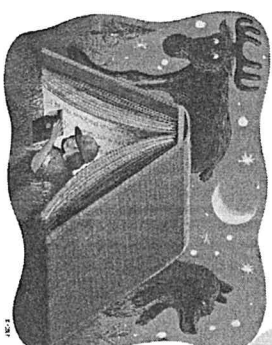
** If needed, a paper bookmark can be provided.

Wead Library

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FREE events

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY™



Welcome to the Wead Library's 2024 Summer Reading Program!

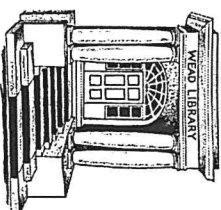
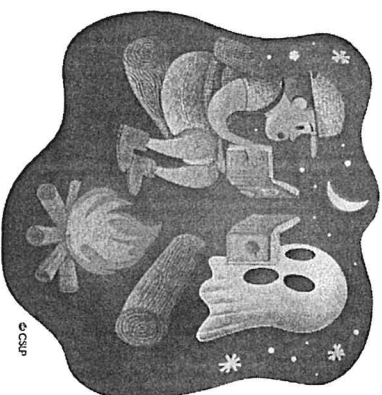
Join us from July 8th - August 3rd for crafts, events, and reading!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Birth - Age 18

Sign up for summer reading to receive a launch bag starting July 8, 2024

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



Summer Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Find us:



WeadLibrary.com

Events for Everyone

Wednesday, July 10th @ 11 AM

Reptile Show

Learn all about reptiles in this interactive and educational program with Zowie of Her•petology.

Tuesday, July 30th @ 11 AM

Birdsong Program

Join Park Naturalist Kristin Collins from Point Au Roche State Park to learn about common local birds and easy ways to study birds for people of all ages and abilities!



Events for Children

12 & Under

July 8th - August 3rd

Weekly Drop - In Crafts in the Children's Room!

Tuesday, July 16th @ 11 AM

Monday, July 22nd @ 5:30 PM



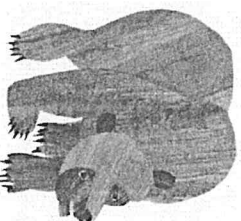
Pick ONE session!

Bear-y Book Bash

*Registration required.

Join us for stories & crafts!

This program is best for children 8 & under. (caregiver participation required)



Events for Adults

Thursday, July 11 @ 5:30 PM

Cordwood Masonry Presentation

Local author Rob Roy is back with information about cordwood masonry! Learn about this creative and energy-efficient building practice.

Events for Tweens & Teens

Wednesday, July 17th @ 4:30 PM

Tween Bracelets & Buttons Event

*Registration required.

Ages 8 - 12

Make buttons on the Library's new button maker and create your own bracelets!

Thursday, July 18th @ 11 AM

Teen SNAP-Ed Program

Ages 13-18

Join SNAP-Ed Nutritionist Kristy Coyle from Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn about all things healthy eating and physical activity through interactive lessons. Youth will be able to participate in activities and sample new recipes.

Wednesday, July 24th @ 4:30 PM

Teen Escape Room

*Registration required.

Ages 13-18

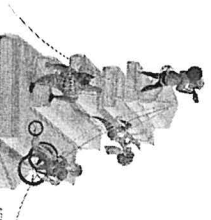
Have you ever wanted to test your knowledge and skills in an escape room? Now's your chance! You'll work together to solve puzzles and escape the room before the clock runs out!

Thursday, July 25th @ 11 AM

Tween SNAP-Ed Program

Ages 8 - 12

Join SNAP-Ed Nutritionist Kristy Coyle from Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn about all things healthy eating and physical activity through interactive lessons. Youth will be able to participate in activities and sample new recipes.



*Parents are encouraged to drop teens (12 & older) off, or enjoy a book in the air conditioned library.

Part-time Librarian I Report
June 2024

At the direction of C. Russo, I have created the Wead Library's Genealogy & Local Research Guide! I currently receive most of the library's in-depth genealogy and local research questions; over the past few years, I have become increasingly familiar with these library resources and common patron inquiries. These resources are spread throughout the building in the print collections for adult circulating nonfiction, non-circulating genealogy, and noncirculating mezzanine items, as well as our microfilm collection and online resources listed on our website. I have received feedback from staff that it can be challenging to know where to begin when patrons pose genealogy and local history questions.

The new Guide is an excellent reference point for staff. It compiles information about reference questions, search tips, recommended resources and information about the library's many genealogy and local resources. This Guide will help staff better serve our community, and it can be easily updated to changes in collections and patron needs. The mezzanine's local history section is also now clearly labeled for easier searching.

During my process of reorganizing and weeding noncirculating materials from the mezzanine (most recently, the art nonfiction section), I then moved on to some donations of adult nonfiction art books for addition to the collection. This involves sending MARC records request forms to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System, processing the physical items, and adding data onto Horizon.

I have also been double checking the numbers that C. Russo input into the *Budget Report '23 - '24* Excel sheet. These numbers came from the monthly *Bills Submitted for Approval* documents. So far, I have verified February – April 2024.

Outside of these part-time librarian hours, I am thrilled to have attended the 4th annual Small Town Pride event in the Arsenal Green Park with N. Andre on June 1st. At the Wead Library's booth, attendees could pick up the Library's June calendar, informational library bookmarks, bookmarks that state "Free People Read Freely" and stickers that announce "I Read Banned Books" (both from the American Library Association), and free children and teen books. Our informational booth was well attended throughout the day, and it was again a wonderful opportunity for the Library to connect with the patrons and the community beyond the building.

Thank you,
Karlee Martin