

Livingston Manor Free Library

Director's Report

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News

- Trustees have been included in the library's NYLA organizational membership by email, with the library as the mailing address. Benefits include conference membership rates and information on issues and library advocacy as relevant to trustees.
- National Library Week is the last week of the month. Pecks will hold a tag fundraiser for SUPLA from the 16th to the 29th. The library will have a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate donated by Life Repurposed, give-aways, kids' crafts, and an evening with author Ed Van Put.
- The blower motor on the furnace failed due to long term exposure to moisture in the basement. CES was prompt in attending to the problem, which forced the library to be closed to the public for one day only. The staff bravely endured 55-degree temperatures for a couple of days during the repair process!
- The library has received a grant from ALA and Booklist, a book reviews publication, to receive *Booklist Reader* for distribution to patrons and an annual subscription to *Booklist* for library staff, both in print and digital formats.

Director's Recent Activities

- Attended meetings with the Future Visioning Task Force, community members about future planning, the RCLS Director's Association, Chamber of Commerce and SUPLA.
- Helping to organize a tag fundraiser for the Sullivan public libraries at the four Pecks stores for National Library Week.
- Met with Jess Davis and the Battle of the Books team.
- Attended webinars: NYS Anti-Harassment; Big Data & Audience Segmentation; Library Advocacy; Budgeting for Special Projects with Excel; and Responding to Complaints about Materials
- Attended a presentation on the Summer Reading Challenge grant by Save the Children and The Rural Libraries Association
- Attended a presentation on Mango Languages app
- Attended a presentation with RCLS HR lawyer about sick and Covid leave
- Talking with business owners about partnering on our Summer Reading Challenge
- Joined colleagues and Trustee Shultz in Library Advocacy meeting with Assemblywoman Gunther
- Secured Renaissance Park for Saturday, June 17th storytelling program and Eastern Star Building in case of rain.

Trustees

- Please consider volunteering for the library’s table at the Farmers Market, Sundays Memorial Day to Columbus Day, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- We are seeking volunteers with repair skills for a Repair Café in July
- RCLS trainings available:

Tuesday, April 18 via Zoom, **Basic Library Trustee Education 101**

Tuesday, May 16 via Zoom, **102: Intermediate Library Trustee Education**

One-time Programs

3/11 Frank Coviello (“The Science Guy”) on the Webb Telescope, 10 participants

3/18 AARP Tax Prep, 7 participants

3/25 Books with Benji, 11 participants

2022/23	December	January	February	March
Library Patron Visits	369	354	400	385
Saturday Patrons	42	53	80	42
Tuesday Storytime kids	5	4	4	2
Friday kids Musical Storytime	N/A	8	8	15
LEGO Club kids	15	6	12	2
Chess Club	N/A	3	6	10
Book Club	11	8	8	10
Craft Kits distributed	27	25	23	11
Scheduled Tech Assistance	0	3	6	8
Manor Ink		15 mentors	9 mentors	
		25 students	26 students	

Note that ebook/audiobook usage is way up!

Previous Month's Circulation			
	2021	2022	2023
January	418	356	365
February	392	423	342
March	494	380	396
April	401	402	
May	351	468	
June	521	604	
July	678	605	
August	671	797	
September	512	450	
October	415	397	
November	361	377	
December	386	340	
TOTAL	5600	5599	

New User Registration			
	2021	2022	2023
Jan-Adults	2	3	7
Kids	0	0	1
Feb-Adults	2	2	3
Kids	0	2	0
Mar-Adults	1	2	4
Kids	0	0	4
Apr-Adults	4	5	
Kids	0	0	
May-Adults	3	6	
Kids	0	0	
Jun-Adults	12	9	
Kids	3	3	
July-Adults	20	7	
Kids	2	3	
Aug-Adults	6	19	
Kids	1	3	
Sept-Adults	10	11	
Kids	0	12	
Oct-Adults	8	13	
Kids	0	2	
Nov-Adults	11	6	
Kids	1	0	
Dec-Adults	13	7	
Kids	0	3	
TOTAL	99	118	

eBooks and eAudiobooks/Our Patrons			
	2021	2022	2023
January	176	120	139
February	146	111	123
March	115	123	191
April	127	118	
May	128	136	
June	136	139	
July	80	124	
August	114	156	
September	109	143	
October	111	136	
November	94	118	
December	77	149	
TOTAL	1413	1573	