

Director's Report June 2026

Deb Flint, Library Director

when I have time. I've registered to attend the final 2 classes as well.

Building & Grounds:

- 6th graders were here with the Garden Club on 5/20 to weed & spread mulch in the large drainage bed & plant flowers in the pots.
- Maintenance weed whacked the front retention pond & along the road so that the library sign is visible.
- Volunteer spent 2 days cleaning up the walking trail.
- Library is decorated for the Summer Reading Program. Volunteers helped decorate & create the dog & dog house.

Collection:

- Added 96 new books, 47 donations, and 43 DVDs in May.
- Researched & purchased new books & DVDs.

Community Outreach:

- Youth Coordinator presented about the Summer Reading Program to Galway elementary & middle schoolers on 6/4.
- Youth Coordinator sent Summer Reading Program brochure to the Broadalbin School. She also sent the brochure to the PreK & Kindergarten classes that did library tours this spring.
- Spoke with a representative of the Methodist Church about a volunteer opportunity for our staff to assist the church members in cataloging their old books & documents. Future meetings are being scheduled.

Continuing Education:

- Attended webinar on Readers Advisory on 6/10.
- Have attended 2 of 6 total webinars on the new minimum standards for required policies. Will watch 2 others

Election:

- Mailed permanent absentee ballots.
- Asked Friends to send email reminder of the upcoming election, which they did.
- Received master voter list from school & prepped the list/binders for the vote.
- No one from the community attended the budget review meeting.
- Budget passed: 145 Yes to 33 No

Finance:

- Bank statements for April were reconciled.
- Returned signed copy of representative letter to CPA for audits.

Grants & Donations:

- Renewed SAM registration, a requirement to apply for some of the NYS grants.
- Wrote thank you notes for donations made during April & May.
- Spoke with SALS about eligibility of a pavilion for construction aid grant through NYS (yes). Filled out a survey with SALS stating we will probably apply for funds this year for that purpose. The portal will open later in the summer.
- Ordered kid programming materials from Price Chopper Golub '25 – it is now used up.
- Ordered Summer Reading décor from Lions '25 fund.
- Foundation has agreed to sponsor the National Honor Society member art auction next fall. I spoke to the teen about what she needs to do next.
- Received \$600 for kid books from WGY Christmas Wish via GPL Foundation.
- Submitted information to SALS about our Big Read Grant programs & attendance.

- Used up anonymous book sale donations to purchase new books for adults.

Meetings:

- Attended the SALS Annual Meeting with Trustee Bethany Thompson.
- Discussed agenda with Board President.
- Attended Ad Hoc Committee meeting about the pavilion.

Programs:

Adult Program Attendance:

May Tech Assistance - 18

5/18 Mahjongg - 5

5/18 Yoga - 3

5/19 Coloring Club - 3

5/20 Astronomy Club - 3

5/21 Writers' Group - 5

5/27 Photography Club - 19

5/30 Galway 20th Reunion Tour - 5

6/1 Mahjongg - 5

6/1 Yoga - 5

6/2 Coloring Club - 2

6/3 Budget Vote - 178

6/4 Junk Journals - 8

6/8 Mahjongg - 5

6/8 Yoga - 3

6/10 Young Pro's Bk Disc - 6

TOTAL: 273

Children's Program Attendance:

5/18 Nature Club: Owl Pellets - 3 K, 2 A

5/19 Raising Readers Storytime - 11 K, 9 A

5/26 Raising Readers Storytime - 8 K, 7 A

5/28 Makerspace: Zoob Building - 11

6/1 Lego Club: Book Inspiration - 5 K, 2 A

6/2 Raising Readers Storytime - 15 K, 12 A

6/4 PreK-5th SRP Presentations- 431 K, 38 A

6/8 Crafternoon: Turtles - 1 K, 1 A

6/9 Raising Readers Storytime - 14 K, 10 A

TOTAL: 580

Teen Program Attendance:

5/28 TAB Meeting - 10

6/11 TAB Stress Reduction Clinic - 17

TOTAL: 27

Family Program Attendance:

Friends' Book Sale - 150

Community Room Usage Attendance:

(5/15-6/11)

Tutoring (19 sessions) - 43

GPS Archives (3 sessions) - 12

PTSA - 14

Girl Scouts - 18

TOTAL: 87

Volunteer Hours: (not BOT, committees, nor book processing) 5/14-6/11 - 8 individuals a combined 14 times for total of 26 hours.

Upcoming Program Schedule:

Adults:

6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 - Mahjongg

6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 - Yoga

6/16, 7/7, 7/21 - Grown-Up Coloring

6/17, 6/20, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/18, 7/22, 7/29 - Tech Assist

6/17, 7/15, 8/19 - Astronomy Club

6/18, 7/16, 8/20 - Creative Writing

6/18 - Traditional American Songs

6/22, 7/27, 8/24 - When Readers Meet

6/24, 7/29, 8/19 - Photography Club

6/29-7/13 - Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit by Saratoga Co.

7/2 - American Potluck w/ Colonial Games for the Family

7/8, 8/12 - Young Pro's Book Disc

7/8, 7/9 - Make A Patriotic Quilt

7/18 - Movie Showing: 1776

7/22 - Patriotic Summer Candles

8/13 - Celebrations, Ceremonies, & Commemorations by Anne Clothier

In June - time capsule collection.

In July - Summer Adult Reading Challenge; timeline of Revolutionary War events;

Photography Club art show entitled "What Freedom is to Me;" fun displays & activities celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the USA.

Kids & Teens:

6/13, 7/11, 8/8 - Pokémon Club
 6/13, 7/11, 8/8 - Esports
 6/15, 7/20, 8/17 - Nature Club
 6/16, 6/23 - Raising Readers Storytime
 6/18, 7/16, 8/20 - Makerspace
 6/18, 7/16, 8/20 - Chess & Checkers Club
 6/22, 7/27, 8/24 - Tech & Science Club
 6/27 - Summer Reading Program begins
 6/29 - 250th Painted Rock Art
 6/29 - Patriotic Suncatcher Craft
 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/18 – Baby & PreK Storytimes (2 sessions)
 6/30 – "Rockets Red Glare" Stomp Rockets
 7/6, 8/3 - Lego Club
 7/6 - Dino Escape Room
 7/7 - Tang Museum: Dino Prints
 7/9 - TAB: Outdoor Dino Movie
 7/13 - Container Gardening
 7/13, 8/10 - Crafternoon
 7/14 - Animal Homes Nature Walk
 7/16 - Bo the Beaver from Wild for Life Inc.
 7/20 - Keepsake Coasters
 7/21 - Journaling Our Community History
 7/21 - Summer Book Battle
 7/23 - Galway's Past w/ the Town Historian
 7/23 - TAB Planning Meeting
 7/27 - Geode Smashing
 7/28 - Salt Dough Fossils
 7/30 - Edible Soil Layers
 8/1 – Storytime & Nature Walk w/ Outdoor Educator George Steele
 8/2 - Mint Your Own Coin
 8/4 - Reconstructed Pottery
 8/6 - Family Cave Art
 8/10 - Sink the Boat
 8/11 - Compost: Treasure in the Garden w/ CCE
 8/15 - Summer Reading Program Ends
 8/20 - Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party

In June & July - kids can complete a patriotic scavenger hunt.

Publicity:

- The Annual Newsletter was mailed to every household in the district. There was a glitch at the PO, but the letters were mailed eventually.
- Representatives of the Library walked & rode in the Memorial Day parade.

Staff:

- Bookkeeper has completed training on the new NYS Retirement required data entry.
- There was an issue on the holiday weekend with direct deposit, but after speaking with all staff, they were ok with receiving the deposit on Tuesday. The bookkeeper and treasurer have a better system going forward.

Tasks:

- Renewed NYLA & ALA memberships.
- Renewed bulk mail permit.
- Did necessary end of month/year tasks in Polaris as requested by SALS.

Technology:

- Website SiteLock software was renewed, as well as domain for the Village & Lions Club. I requested reimbursement for the domains.

GPL USAGE STATS

Record Counts	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26
Total Items				36128	36381	36509	36521	36623	36726	36975	37170	37224	36771	36905
Withdrawn	7	298	430	118	99	365	8	7	7	3	7	14	392	338
Added Items	248	160	70	143	365	133	125	114	120	322	142	149	191	138
Total Patrons	2301	2324	2340	2370	2367	2382	2395	2401	2400	2421	2441	2478	2486	2499
Added Patrons	22	26	18	42	20	25	21	18	9	23	30	16	18	24
Circulation	2348	2606	2559	3592	2992	2525	2704	2333	2312	2662	2256	2452	2131	2262
Checkouts	1959	2235	2127	3148	2558	2180	2165	1948	1906	2293	1854	2082	1697	1960
Renewals	389	371	432	444	434	345	539	385	406	369	402	370	434	302
Borrowers	362	405	414	527	463	406	417	376	343	390	387	415	376	399
Checked In	1852	2140	1788	2810	2455	2268	2045	1982	1874	1911	1771	1895	1708	1700
Holds Placed	487	588	569	412	538	480	465	547	553	547	453	511	441	526
Holds Filled	513	566	464	416	533	402	505	419	560	559	449	481	425	510
E-Content Circ	588	616	559	720	675	584	638	640	668	659	582	644	565	671
Hoopla Borrowers	45	86	47	62	59	53	47	58	50	47	55	61	55	53
PAC Logins	512	578	523	523	594	608	548	594	542	493	477	530	457	462
Wireless Clients	156	147	153	243	210	155	187	124	127	153	127	168	155	146
Cassie Sessions	40	49	46	53	38	44	52	64	46	69	51	53	57	63
Door Count	1767	1873	1869	3452	2069	1844	2277	1790	1525	2351	1719	2154	1866	1839
Kid Prg Attendance						150	462	145	238	261	220	245	734	657
Adult Prg Attendance						128	271	87	137	256	139	131	133	373

PHYSICAL MATERIALS CIRCULATION

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	1702	2365	1506	2243	2447	2798	2554	2662
February	1375	2400	1768	2087	2407	2550	2521	2256
March	1656	2199	2172	2417	2768	2411	2727	2452
April	1555	239	2256	2198	2527	2476	2348	2131
May	1349	371	2064	2165	2487	2321	2606	2262
June	1719	852	2430	2554	2841	2544	2559	
July	2407	1664	3304	3261	3131	3341	3592	
August	1718	2509	2870	3118	3406	3200	2992	
September	1172	2214	2398	2615	2739	2967	2525	
October	2633	2214	2282	2811	2822	2674	2704	
November	2197	2049	2343	2820	2630	2386	2333	
December	1714	2072	2091	2274	2332	2106	2312	
YEAR TOTAL	21197	21148	27484	30563	32537	31774	31773	

ECONTENT CIRCULATION

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	206	154	264	314	392	634	577	659
February	150	165	297	287	347	596	533	582
March	207	191	344	302	400	580	524	644
April	187	230	271	238	424	544	588	565
May	198	351	320	311	390	551	616	671
June	245	325	317	326	416	536	559	
July	210	330	328	359	566	513	720	
August	217	349	372	382	459	514	675	
September	195	337	291	362	488	485	584	
October	177	268	310	372	655	487	638	
November	180	259	296	361	596	461	640	
December	165	254	322	320	565	517	668	
YEAR TOTAL	2337	3213	3732	3934	5698	6418	7322	

HOOPLA CIRCULATION

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January		43	46	49	47
February		20	36	59	55
March		33	45	55	61
April		25	45	45	57
May		25	30	86	53
June		22	50	47	
July		30	50	62	
August		40	54	59	
September	38	29	36	53	
October	21	27	48	47	
November	23	10	47	58	
December	31	37	33	50	
YEAR TOTAL	113	341	520	670	