

# **JUNE 2025 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

- 1. Enhance Library Funding Streams**
- 2. Strengthen Outreach (Town of Gerry, CVCS, community groups)**
- 3. Catalogue and Digitize Local History Collection**
- 4. Staff and Volunteer Development**
- 5. Carry Out 25 Year Celebration of Library Building**
- 6. Identify Future Roles of the Library and Implement Changes**

**Numbers are inserted to indicate when strategic plan goals have been targeted.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

The library will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.

## **BEAUTIFICATION AND DISPLAYS**

Decorating the library for the summer reading program has begun with a colorful and welcoming entrance to the children's room and giant Lego guessing game.

## **DONATIONS**

The Rainbow Sheep, a children's picture book by David Hayward, was donated by Homestead resident Karen Oberst. This title will be an excellent addition in time for the Summer Reading Program theme "Color Our World."

Local historian and author Vince Martonis donated copies of his books: The Caleb Mathews Redware Pottery of Gerry, The Fenton and Whittemore Redware Pottery of Mayville, Jamestown and Fluvanna, and The Haven and Kenyon Redware Pottery of Sheridan.

The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation donated two copies of My Side of the River by Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez in support of the YMCA/CHQ Book Read initiative.

## **FUNDRAISING 1**

The library participated in the Give Big CHQ fundraising event and raised a little over \$1,500 (\$485.00 last year). Thank you to those trustees who made donations to this online fundraiser. We qualified for a portion of the stretch pool: \$153.11 included in the total above). **1**

## **GRANTS 1**

\$500.00 was received from CCLS in response to our Summer Reading Program mini-grant application, which was prepared by Library Assistant Huling. The final report and all receipts will be due by September 12<sup>th</sup>. 1

The grant agreement was signed and returned to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to accept \$2,121.52 from their Blossom Fund for the purchase of a new copier/fax machine.

## **OUTREACH 2**

The Library Director delivers library materials to residents at The Homestead in Gerry and conducts monthly book club and life story writing programs there. Once a month the Director provides a display table at the Sinclairville Fire Hall Senior Dining Program, where participants may borrow and return materials. 2

Assistant Huling will conduct outreach throughout the community as part of the “Mobile Summer Reading Program” with weekly visits to the Little Seeds Preschool Program, and Summer Recreation Programs in both Sinclairville and Gerry. Story Walks have been installed at both the Sinclairville and Gerry Town Parks as another way to reach out to these communities. 2

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Director Hadley is the recipient of a Circle Scholarship for teachers and librarians through the Alumni Association of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle at Chautauqua Institution. With this award, she will attend writing class at Chautauqua June 30-July 4 and share what is learned with participants in writing programs at the library. 4

## **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

The library events calendar is available on the library’s website at [www.sinclairvillelibrary.org](http://www.sinclairvillelibrary.org) with paper copies available at the front desk.

### **Highlights:**

**Community Art Nights each Monday!**

**7/7: 5 to 6:30 PM Flower Pounding with Brenda Nickerson (\$10 cost)**

**7/14: 6 to 7 PM Shaving Cream Marbling with Peggy Minckler**

**7/21: 5 to 7 PM Tie-Dye with Miss Meagan**

**7/28: 6 to 7 PM Crafted to Grow (Nature Art) with Corinne Kelly**

**Open Mic Poetry Reading:** Thursday, July 10 at 7 PM with guest poet Karen Weyant, program is facilitated by John Brantingham.

**Baby Talk Schedule:** Note that the meeting time has been changed for the summer. For the months of July and August, Baby Talk will be held from 11:30 AM to noon on Wednesdays. This change makes space in the schedule for field trips to the library by the Little Seeds Preschool during the summer. (Two classes of Little Seeds with a total of 18 children will arrive at the library at 10 AM July 9 through August 13.

**July theme: “Hello, Bugs!” with special hand or footprint crafts.**

**7/2: Ladybug (hand)**

**7/9: Bumblebee (foot)**

**7/16: Butterfly (hand)**

**7/23: Firefly (foot)**

**7/30: Snail (hand)**

**Story Hour Schedule:**

**7/2: “Rolling Wheels” (car painting, things that go)**

**7/9: “Deep Ocean Dive” (shaving cream marbling, ocean)**

**7/16: “Toasting Marshmallows” (blow painting, camping)**

**7/23: “Lite Up the Night” (spin painting, fireflies)**

**7/30: “We All Scream for Ice Cream” (bubble wrap painting, ice cream)**

**Book Clubs:**

**Books Unlimited** will meet at the library on Monday, July 21 at 7 PM to discuss In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blume.

**Virtual Book Club** will be on hiatus July and August to allow for a variety of new programs to be launched in conjunction with this year’s summer reading program.

**Book Club at the Homestead in Gerry** will meet in the Bergquist building to discuss This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger on Friday, July 18 at 3 PM. **2**

**CLSC Book Club** will meet at 3 Lakes Café in Cassadaga at 9 AM on Saturday, June 28 to discuss mysteries written by authors mentioned in The Queens of Crime. Trustee Erin Gray will facilitate this discussion.

### **Program Updates:**

**Summer Reading Program:** Registration for this year's program, "**Color Our World**," is now open. The program is for all ages and runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Details are available on the library website and in the brochures available at the front desk. Please help spread the word and register for the program. Participation is easy. Just register and keep a log of your reading to hand in after the program ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Regularly scheduled programs for adults will continue throughout the summer as part of the program, along with regularly scheduled children's programs and Community Art programs on Mondays.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY**

A Story Walk with the title Corduroy by Don Freeman has been installed at the Village of Sinclairville park. This feature is on loan from CCLS. A new title will be installed every month through September. Assistant Huling presented information to trustees at the Town of Gerry meeting held on June 12 to follow up on our request to install a Story Walk at the Gerry Park as they wanted additional information. The request was approved and Story Walk for the title Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion has been installed by Assistant Huling.

On a Saturday after one of the school field trips, a girl brought her father back to the library to use our MakerSpace and other fun things. The library provided them with a space to enjoy their time of visitation.

### **STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

A calendar of the days and times staff and volunteers are scheduled to work at the library is posted in the office. Beth Hadley will be on vacation June 30-July 3 (attending classes at Chautauqua). Jessica Huling will be on vacation August 18-23. 4

### **STATISTICS**

With 197 digital checkouts through the Libby platform during the month of May, our library ranked 16 out of the 38 member libraries. 154 new library cards were issued to CVCS students this school year as a result of the school field trips outreach initiative funded by the ALA/LTC grant (Round 2).

## **TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT**

The new copier/fax machine has been ordered to replace the HP 4050 TN that is over twenty years old. We will be getting a Canon ImageRUNNER DX C259iF from Usherwood Office Technology at the listed NYS Contract price of \$2,121.52, which is the amount of the grant received from CRCF's Blossom Fund. We have agreed to transition to DFT for our phone service as part of the CCLS collaborative initiative. Our phone number will stay the same, and we will gain a separate fax line with a different number.

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Summer Reading Program will be provided to youths participating in the Village of Sinclairville Summer Recreation Program, Town of Gerry Summer Recreation Program and Little Seeds Preschool Program. Outreach to residents of The Homestead in Gerry will continue throughout the summer as will outreach to the seniors at the Sinclairville Fire Hall Dining Out Program.

- 3. Catalogue and Digitize Local History Collection:** Volunteer Pat Kirell continues to work on this project
- 4. Staff and Volunteer Development:** Director Hadley will learn skills to enhance the library's writing programs as she attends classes at Chautauqua.
- 5. Carry Out 25 Year Celebration of Library Building:** Meetings of this committee are held at 5 PM on the last Wednesday of the month prior to our library Board meetings.