

AUGUST 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 Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

BUILDING, GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE

The new sign for the library's name to be on the building has been installed.

DONATIONS 1

A donation in the amount of \$5,000 was received from Charlie's Fund, sponsored by the Kochersbergers.

We received a prize award of \$153.11 from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation as part of the Give Big CHQ.

FUNDRAISING

The library's book sale is scheduled for October 9-11, with set up scheduled for 11 AM- 2 PM on Wednesday, October 8. A bake sale will be held during the same time. Donations of baked goods and gently used books are requested. Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale. **1**

Fundraising during the History Fair on September 13th includes the following: Painted rock creations by volunteer Cathy Obert will be on sale at a library booth in the commons. A chicken BBQ will be held in partnership with the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department, and tickets will be sold for Fall Opportunity Drawing baskets prepared by Audrey Little and Darla Frost-Kianos. **1**

GRANTS

The library received from CCLS: \$1,376.10 for the 90% LLSA Grant; and a \$250 Cash Grant.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Library Calendar:

The library events calendar is available on the library's website with paper copies available at the front desk

Summer Reading logs must be returned no later than September 5th.

Summer Reading Program Celebration with an Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, September 4 from 5 to 7 PM.

HISTORY FAIR: Saturday, September 14th. Children may march with the library float in the parade. Line-up begins at 9 AM at the Sinclairville Elementary School and steps off at 10 AM. Face Painting will be available at the library 11 AM to 1 PM. The Audubon Society will present "Live Animal Encounter" from 11 AM to 1 PM. Local authors will have their books available for sale from 2 to 4 PM during an author "Meet and Greet." The 25th Anniversary Celebration with light refreshments will start at 4 PM.

REQUESTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The library has been invited to have a display table at the upcoming CVCS Open Houses scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th at the Sinclairville Elementary School and Thursday, August 28 at the Middle/High School. Assistant Huling will represent the library at these events, with volunteer Pat Kirell covering the front desk at the library as needed.

Sadly, one of our library volunteers, Jen Eaker, passed away unexpectedly. She had volunteered at the library until health concerns came up.

Library volunteer Amanda Myles will coordinate plans for the library's float for the History Fair parade. Volunteer Cathy Obert will assist with scheduling volunteers to man the library's booth in Minckler's Commons during the History Fair. Volunteers Beth Loomis, Pat Kirell, Sarah Winton and Joan Stroh have been very helpful during this month while our Director was hospitalized and recovering from surgery. Assistant Huling went above and beyond to keep everything at the library going well during this unexpected health crisis. **4**