Hello from CEFLS! We’re happy to collect news from around the library world and share a bit of our own insight and resources. So let’s get to all that content from your backyard!

Empowering Girls Kits

We’re so excited to be adding 5 Empowering Girls kits to our “Library of Things” collection. It’s our hope that these kits will encourage girls to believe in themselves and their ability to achieve their goals. They have the power within themselves to do anything and be anything they choose!

Each kit will contain an 18” doll, books, games, activities, and stories about women who have overcome obstacles and achieved success. Some of the kits highlight non-traditional careers for women. The Reach for the Stars kit features an astronaut doll and books about women in the space program. The Soar to New Heights kit includes an airline pilot doll, as well as books and activities having to do with aviation. The Discover Solutions kit features a scientist doll and items such as a kitchen chemistry set and books with STEM experiments. In the

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Explore Your World kit, there is a hiker doll, an explorer’s kit that includes items such as a compass and flashlight, as well as guides on local hiking and exploring information. The Find Your Strength kit reinforces the idea that everyone has strengths and talents. They just need to believe in themselves and know that they can achieve their goals.

Each kit provides an opportunity for children to learn about role model(s) who inspire them to say, “She’s like me,” “I want to be like her,” or “I want to do what she did.” Our goal is to send the message that if they dream big, they can do anything!

- Karen Batchelder, Youth Services Specialist

“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program

We had a lot of fun at our Universe of Stories workshops in March. Jim Howard, who is one of our part-time van drivers, a former school superintendent, and 5th grade teacher, shared his wealth of knowledge in the area of astronomy and gave very interesting presentations. He brought in his telescope and shared stories about the night sky viewing events he planned as a teacher that were a great success. Afterwards, we created moon craters, used Oreo cookies to show the phases of the moon, did an experiment where we searched for life, and had a blast creating 3 different rockets!
Here are some links to help with ideas for your summer programs:

- cefls.org/mars
- astrosociety.org
- nasa.gov
- pbs.org/education
- planetary.org
- starnetlibraries.org
- storytimefromspace.com
- summerreadingnys.org

**READsquared**

The NYS Library has announced that READsquared is available to public libraries at no cost. It is an online reading program solution. It offers customization and configuration of CSLP-themed summer reading programs and other reading and learning programs, as well as readers’ advisory tools for all ages and reading levels. It can help libraries with their reading programs and increase registration and participation through activities, book lists, challenges, and more. You can sign your library up at [www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared](http://www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared).

**myON Digital Library**

As part of Summer Reading at New York Libraries, the State Education Department and myON are partnering to bring thousands of enhanced digital books to children from birth through 12th grade and their families all around the state. Unlimited, 24/7 access from May 1st includes more than 6,000 fiction and nonfiction titles. Test highlighting, an embedded dictionary, and a zoom option, are features that support an independent and meaningful summer reading experience. Up to 20 books can be downloaded at a time to read offline whenever Wi-Fi isn’t available. myON is a great way to prevent the “summer slide” and to keep kids reading all summer long.

All of the myON/Summer Reading resource materials are now available in a special shared “portal” that can be found through PLS: [renaissancemediaassets.com/portals/bfhxjvm4/NYPLSSummer](http://renaissancemediaassets.com/portals/bfhxjvm4/NYPLSSummer).

**Here’s a Useful Link**

Want to post a picture on social media but didn’t get a photo release? Go to [pinetools.com/censor-photo-blur-pixelate](http://pinetools.com/censor-photo-blur-pixelate) to quickly and easily pixelate faces!
Super Charged Storytimes

Are your storytimes “supercharged?” When you “supercharge” your storytime you include these elements:
- Interactivity
- Intentionality
- Assessment
- Community of Practice

This training is available for free online through the NYS Library website at learn.webjunction.org/course/search.php?search=Supercharged394. This training is also available through CEFLS either all face-to-face or a combination of some online work and in-person meetings at our office. Please contact Karen Batchelder at kbatchelder@cefls.org for more information.

- Karen Batchelder, Youth Services Specialist

An Attempt to Speed Up Requests

Background:

The 2018 member survey included a suggestion that we work to increase the number of Horizon requests filled between libraries on the same delivery day. On May 31st, we put in place some new rules in Horizon that would prioritize matching requests based on the delivery schedule.

Current Fill Time and Rate of Successful Requests:

For all of 2018, we had 44,141 requests in Horizon. The average fill time from when the request was made, to when it was checked out, was 10.1 days, and the median was 7 days.

Not all requests are successful, but only a small number (57 in 2018) expired without ever being filled. The largest unsuccessful category is expired holds – where the patron didn’t pick up the item within the time expected. Some of these do go on to be checked out, but they aren’t counted as successful. In about 11% of cases, the request is cancelled either before or after it is placed on the hold shelf.
Looking Forward:

We’re hoping the new rules will decrease the average and median fill times. They should result in more point to point deliveries and also requests filled from libraries on the previous delivery day. Keep your point-to-point slips handy, and let us know if you notice any difference! We’ll crunch the numbers again toward the end of the year.

- Betsy Brook, Librarian III

Aquarius’ mom is an astronaut and today is “Take your child to work day”. Aquarius can’t wait to go to NASA and find out what it’s like to be in space!

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents showings for the Summer Reading Program for libraries. Showings go from Monday, August 5th through Thursday, August 8th. Check the Schedule at cefls.org/events-calendar or visit your public library for more details.

This project is made possible with the funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts.
I visited the Schroon Lake Senior Citizens Center in March and May with Jane Bouchard, the director of Schroon Lake Public Library. Previous to this, I had taken an hour to train her on the basics of the VR headsets during a visit to the System.

With 10 seniors seated at a table, I set each of their headsets to go to the same underwater environment where they could swim with dolphins. I did this one at a time, mostly because it’s difficult to set up before an event, but also so that one person could be experiencing virtual reality while the others watched. The first gentleman to try the headset starting talking to the dolphins that approached him and I worked to get the other headsets set up at the same time. With each one, the remaining participants got more and more excited to try. It wasn’t long before Jane and I had all of them wearing headsets, interacting with their new aquatic friends.

I hadn’t expected them to want to move on so rapidly, but they were excited to see what else was available. So we worked with each participant at their own pace to take them on treks through the woods or walk with elephants and giraffes. One participant wanted to brave a rollercoaster and another wanted to float in zero gravity in the International Space Station.

One woman was so impressed that she asked me about the price of the headsets. I told her about where to get one and wrote down the model name on a card for her. She explained that she wanted her son-in-law to purchase one of the headsets and load it with the different apps that might interest her husband. She told me that her husband, diagnosed with a severe case of Parkinson’s disease, is essentially homebound, and was hoping that this could be a way for him to escape for a bit. This was one of the primary target audiences we were hoping to help with the headsets, and I’m happy to say that we’ve been quite successful so far.

I’ve added a number of space-themed apps that tie in with the “A Universe of Stories” theme this year and will be excited to hear the feedback from the libraries and patrons. After that, we’re aiming to have them available for individual checkout to patrons.

- David Fuller, Content Manager/Collections Specialist
Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System is working on a new initiative to assist area residents in accessing library resources. The Easy Access Card is intended for those who are unable to obtain a library card because they cannot provide an address or proof of residency as required by their local library. This project will reduce obstacles in utilizing library materials for those who are homeless, transitioning to a new residence, or residing in a domestic violence shelter. The Easy Access Card will enable patrons to:

- Use library computers in-house
- Have full access to all online databases and services
- Check out up to three physical items at a time
- Place up to three holds at a time

In order to receive an Easy Access Card, a patron will have to present a photo ID. Individuals will also need to provide contact information such as a telephone number and/or email address, if available. Those who do not have identification and at least one method of contact can work with CEFLS to provide verification of residency through a local agency from which they receive services. The card will expire 6 months from the date of issue. If a permanent address is not established by then, the card may be renewed. Once a patron establishes residency, the Easy Access Card will be replaced with a local library card that has regular borrowing privileges.

- Anja Bouchard, Coordinated Outreach Librarian

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? ¿Hablas español? Parlez-vous français? Can’t understand one of these? Find Mango Languages at cefls.org/mango.
The French Conversation Group held at Plattsburgh Public Library is going strong and is looking for more members! We are having fun learning about culture and practicing our conversational speaking skills. Some of the things of interest that we are doing is exploring all the wonderful resources our libraries have to offer with your library card. These include things like the Mango Languages tool, the Library of Things, which contains items such as a baguette pan, the wonderful multi-language DVD movie collections, the vacation guidebooks, and cookbooks. We also are trying to incorporate some interesting guests. Last month we learned more about the Samuel de Champlain History Center and all the Franco-American influences in our areas. Please stop in for some or all of the meetings to see for yourself, we have an awesome and amazing group going. Merci!

- Anne Jobin-Picard, Librarian

We’ve been to the Kids’ Carnival at the Plattsburgh City Rec Center in April, we were at the Autism Awareness Walk at the Clinton County Fair Grounds in May, took a trip to the Airborne Speedway for Dozerfest in June, ventured over to Community Fun Day at Moriah Central School, and we’re not even done with all of our trips yet. We’re racking up the mileage to try to inform more and more people in the area about the Summer Reading Programs that are going on and what their libraries can do for them. We know it’s tough for library staff to find the time to hit the streets—and it can be tough for us too with so many stops to make—but that’s why we take the time to go out to promote libraries. If you have an event that you think would help get the word out, let us know so we can see if there’s a chance we can drop by.

Need more news? Go to cefls.org/newsletter to see all the past issues and click “Subscribe” to have the latest updates end up right in your inbox!
Summer Reading Registration blasts off on Friday, June 28th with activities starting at 2:00 PM. Summer reading bags will be available while supplies last. You can take pictures with a rocket, contribute to the community coloring wall, visit the constellation station, visit space with virtual reality headsets, and register for the Cupcake Explosion and Sundae Wars events. Different events will take place over the course of July and August, including an inflatable planetarium that allows you to draw your own constellations in the sky on Friday, July 2nd at 2:00 PM, and the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company’s presentation of My Mother the Astronaut on Wednesday, August 7th at 10:30 AM. This all leads to the end of Summer Reading Dance Party on Friday, August 9th at 2:00 PM. Check out the website at plattsburghlib.org or the Facebook page for more events and information.

Regular events include, but aren’t limited to:

- **Tail-Waggin’ Tutors**
  Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM
  Kids and teens sign up for a 10 or 15 minute slot to read to therapy dogs in the children’s room

- **LGB-TEA**
  Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
  Arrive when you can and stay as long or as little as you like

- **Modern Families Meetup**
  1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM and 3rd Tuesday of the month after storytime
  Show up when you can and stay however long you’d like

- **Toddler Time**
  Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the children’s room

- **Family Storytime**
  Thursdays at 10:30 AM

- **Teen Café**
  Thursdays at 3:00 PM in the Makerspace

- **LEGO Club**
  Fridays at 10:30 AM

- **Craft Studio**
  Fridays from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Makerspace
The Lake Placid Public Library has been blessed with many amazing volunteers over the years. At this year’s Lake Placid Community Day, the LPPL honored long-time volunteer Carol Pinney. Carol has been volunteering at the library since 2003, performing duties from creating spreadsheets, computer-based accounting, automation, cataloging, weekly deposits, and archival work. Her most recent contribution has been organizing and completing information in our Past Perfect program in order to offer digitized archive photos of NY Heritage. Not only does she provide invaluable service to the library, but she also volunteers for the AARP Tax Preparation Program which is held here at LPPL from January to March each year. Carol and Betsy Senkowski, along with past director Patty Perez, developed this program over 10 years ago and have helped numerous people of all ages from area communities. We are very grateful for all of Carol’s efforts to help us in our mission to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of our community.

We had yet another successful Holiday Card Making event which takes place during the very busy Lake Placid Holiday Village Stroll mid-December. We provided space and materials throughout the library for people to come in to relax, warm up, and show their creativity. Younger children enjoyed the children’s room area with crayons, glue, stamps, markers, etc., while young adults and adults enjoyed the quieter areas, such as the art gallery and comfortable nonfiction room, with more
sophisticated tools. We had over 150 people through the doors and holiday cheer and creativity was plentiful!

The AARP Tax Preparation Program once again provided free services from January through March this year. They prepared 345 e-files, plus 20 paper files and amended returns. We would like to thank all of the volunteer tax preparers for their time and effort: Betsy Senkowski, Carol Pinney, George Leedom, Travis McElyea, and Wendy Poole. We would also like to thank the greeters who make phone calls, arrange appointments, and help prepare initial paperwork: Denise Calvert, Janet Smith, Pam Left, Pam Smith, Penny Dieffenbach, Barb Erikson, Don Woodlief, Katie Volz, Lyn Hunter, and Susan O'Brien.

We continue to provide children’s programs such as weekly homework club, tutoring, and special events. Children’s librarian Karen Armstrong hit it big with a new idea this spring - Dinosaur Day! Children received dinosaur feet (care of Karen’s mom), masks, tattoos, stickers, and prizes. There was a scavenger hunt, arts and crafts, games, and books (of course)! Fun was had by all!

We recently completed an interior painting project and are preparing to have some renovations done to the library entrance. Plans are in the works for our Summer Reading Program: A Universe of Stories! Every Tuesday from July 9th to August 13th, the LPPL will have programs relating to this theme:

- July 9th - Outer Space vs. Under the Sea
- July 16th - Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Lift Off
- July 23rd - Martian Magic Show
- July 30th - Hampstead Stage Performance of A Jungle Book
- August 6th - My Mother the Astronaut
- August 13th - Ice Cream Celebration

We are looking forward to summer! 

- Bambi Pedu, Director
On June 15th, the first ever Library Crawl was held in our region! Allison Harell, board member at the Champlain Memorial Library, organized this fantastic event. It was designed to draw attention to area libraries by encouraging residents to visit them and see all of the wonderful materials and activities that they have available. Many libraries offered special activities for children during the event. Participants were provided with a “Library Crawl Passport” at the first library they visited. 25 libraries in the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System and two libraries in Vermont were listed as passport destinations. Whenever a participant stopped in at one of these locations, library staff stamped their passport. Individuals who obtained at least 3 stamps could turn in their completed passport at the last library that they visited to be entered into a drawing for prizes from local businesses. At the writing of this article, 30 passports were submitted from 10 area libraries and they are still coming in. Allison reports that she was very pleased with how everything went. The support from area libraries and communities was amazing. Allison and her children actually visited 5 participating libraries and saw “fellow library crawlers, young and old” taking part in the event.

- Anja Bouchard, Coordinated Outreach Librarian
Brainy Baby Group

The Brainy Baby Group for children 0-6 years old (along with their parents, grandparents, or other responsible adult) has been meeting every Tuesday morning to enjoy a story, a snack, and a fun activity. As you can see, it results in smiles all around!

Puzzle

A community jigsaw puzzle has been popular during the winter months. Much to the dismay of some patrons, the community puzzle has gone into hibernation for the summer. Four puzzles were completed since January.

Alzheimer Collection

There are many books for caregivers and partners of Alzheimer and dementia sufferers. As an adjunct to those, we have added a small collection of books specifically written for the Alzheimer and dementia patients themselves. The books feature beautiful pictures, large type, and easy to follow storylines.

- Karmen Miller, Library Clerk
Schroon Lake Public Library

We are almost completed with phase 2 of 3 of our construction project. Part of phase 2 included a renovation of an existing workroom. We put in new floor, painted cabinetry, added LED lighting, and we still have to install two new doors.

Upcoming Events:

- 7/18 - Vermont Natural History Museum will be back by popular demand with a live animal presentation. We had them last year for the first time and I was very impressed with the presenter and the knowledge he had. He engaged our large audience from the young to the old.
- 7/25 - Magician Jim Snack will be performing his magic show at our library again this summer. He is a perennial favorite.
- 8/8 - Thanks to a ADK Quad-County Decentralization Grant we will be hosting The Travelling Lantern theater show, My Mother the Astronaut: To the Moon and Beyond. This interactive theater group will entertain the young and old!
- Summer Reading Storytime will be held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM.
- Crafts for Kids will be held every Friday at 11:00 AM.

- Jane Bouchard, Director
Spring is in full swing at the Westport Library. Book donations have been arriving daily and sorting has already begun in preparation for the annual book sale on July 4th weekend. There’s always something for everyone at the book sale and this year will be no exception.

Already this year the library has had a busy schedule of events. A special Valentine’s Day musical event packed the library with spectators and a plethora of talented vocalists. In May the library hosted a book launch for local author Melissa Otis for her new book *Rural Indigenousness*. Another musical program in June featured a talented pianist and Westport native Daniel Linder.

Long before the snow melted a creative group of knitters and crafters began gathering on a weekly basis in the comfort of the warm library. It has become so popular that it has continued on in spite of the warmer outdoor weather. The addition of a Saturday story hour in early spring has brought young new families into the library on a weekly basis as well.

- Dan Van Olpen, Director

The Adirondack Research Room received a copy of *Hollywood: Her Story, an Illustrated History of Women and the Movies* by Jill Tietjen and Barbara Bridges. It was given by former stuntwoman and local historian Leslie Hoffman, who is included in the book, as well as several other performers with connections to Saranac Lake. To learn more about Saranac Lake’s connections to stars of the silver screen, visit the Adirondack Research Room. We also have two copies of the book in circulation.

- Christy Fontana, Library Clerk
Elizabethtown Library Association

The junior varsity softball team, the Lady Griffins, stopped in on a Saturday with their coach Paul Buehler. They did a fine job raking along with painting the rails and picnic table. I painted the door inside and out and we did some general repairing together. It was a great day! We are also cleaning the inside of the library section by section.

We had a reading of *On the Farm at the Market* by Brian Karas - a New York author - hosted by our Cornell Extension Master Gardener. The book was given to the library as one is donated each year by the Cornell Extension to encourage young children to learn about local agricultural topics.

- Angela Heroux, Director
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Wadhams Free Library

Besides the usual library activities, it was all about Wadhams Strawberry Festival, which was on Father’s Day, June 16th. The Festival was started 153 years ago (yes, really!) by members of the Wadhams Church, and they have now entrusted it to the Library. It’s a great community fun day with delicious strawberry shortcake, kids’ games and crafts, bubbles, a book sale, story hour booth, and music by Joan Crane. We aren’t having a formal Summer Reading Program this year, but we incorporated some space-themed activities into the Festival, including CEFLS’ beautiful spacewalker “photo-op” booth. We recently wrapped up our winter/spring “Wednesdays in Wadhams” lecture series and our “Sunday Adventure Club” film series. We’re looking forward to picking those up again next fall and winter. And we’re still reading books too!

- Liz Rapalee, Director

Belden Noble Memorial Library, Essex

Second Season of “Get to Know Your Neighbors”

This year Essex residents will have six more opportunities to get to know their neighbors at the library. On the first Thursday of each month from May through October, program participants will talk about the interests and motivations that inspire their lives, the specific activity or activities that have absorbed their energies, and how Essex has inspired or shaped these activities. These events have been well attended and followed by much informal conversation.

- Tom Mangano, Director

LEGO® Maker Kits now available for in-library use and patron checkout. cefls.org/library-of-things
The Champlain Memorial Library has been busy this spring with several exciting events. March 14\textsuperscript{th} was Pi day and to celebrate patrons were invited in for a slice of homemade pie. Math jokes, math problems, and math facts were also part of the celebration. Several varieties of pie were available for tasting including key lime and a three-berry pie.

On Saturday March 30\textsuperscript{th} the Champlain Library held its first Women’s History Month Tea Time. Those attending were given a short history of the lives of Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, the Grimke Sisters, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Smith Miller, Maya Angelou, Inez Milholland, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, all while enjoying tea and other homemade goodies. The tea was such a great success and enjoyed by all who attended that it was agreed that this would become an annual event.

On Saturday April 6\textsuperscript{th} the Champlain Library had a very special visitor ... the Easter Bunny! The library welcomed over 60 kids who came in to see the giant furry rabbit, have their picture taken, make crafts, color, and play with the many educational toys available at the library.

The Champlain Library had its third Paint and Sip Party on Friday June 7\textsuperscript{th}. Having had two paint and sips last year, the events have proven to be a huge success for the Champlain Library. Budding artists have painted whimsical birds, fall foliage, gourds, and a fall lake scene. A field full of poppies or a sky that looks like the American flag were the options for the most recent paint party.

Thanks to new board members Allison Harell and Nicci Molinski, the children’s area of the library has had a recent makeover. Bright colors, a playful new dinosaur rug, and new seating/storage space have all helped transform the children’s area of the library to a much more welcoming and playful setting.

While the Champlain Memorial Library welcomes its new board members, it also has to say goodbye to its outgoing board members. Mike LaFontaine and John Rowe both served on the library board for many years.
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For the past sixteen years, Mike LaFontaine was my go-to man whenever the library needed something fixed or repaired. Among Mike’s many talents is his green thumb, every year he plants zinnias in the library’s flower bed and stops by almost daily to tend to them. Mike also continues to shovel the snow for the library. Although no longer a board member, Mike remains a valuable patron and forever a friend to the Champlain Memorial Library.

John Rowe served as treasurer for the library for over 20 years. John has been my rock ever since I started my tenure here at the Champlain Library in 2003. John was always only a phone call away and when he left the board I missed him considerably. Never one to put his feet up for any length of time, John stays busy while enjoying retirement and stops in occasionally to visit or to check out a book.

- Alison Mandeville, Director

COMING SOON: a whole new reality VR HEADSET

Getting ready for your Summer Reading program plans? Let us help you take them to a whole new dimension.

We’ve added a group of space-related apps to the virtual reality headsets to fit the “A Universe of Stories” theme this year. Libraries can reserve up to all ten of the headsets for use at summer events.

Contact David (dfuller@cefls.org or 518-563-5190 ext. 122) for more information or to schedule the headsets for your library. Make sure to act fast as the schedule could fill up quickly.
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Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay

Art Exhibits

We are happy to display the paintings of Becky Pace, Peru Free Library Director, in May and June. An artist reception for her “Landmarks” exhibit took place at 1:00 - 3:00 PM on Saturday, June 15th. Local artist Christopher Straight offered a free drawing class at the library, and will exhibit his artwork here in July and August.

Chris will be at the library Saturday, July 20th and Sunday, July 21st on the annual Au Sable River Valley Studio Tour. Scott Renderer, artistic director of the Upper Jay Art Center, exhibited his paintings at the library in January/February, and in March/April Jeri Wright showed photographs from her 65+ years as a professional photographer.

Writers and Readers

On May 15th, we welcomed Roger Mitchell and Bob Segall for a poetry reading. Roger donated all proceeds from the sale of his books after the reading to the library. Thank you, Roger.

In June, Fred Balzac began offering a free playwriting workshop “Writing the Naturalistic Play as a Method of Reporting the Truth: Modeling Chekhov, Ibsen, Hansberry and Miller in 2019.” Sessions will run through summer and late fall, funded by a Decentralization Grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

Also this summer, Debby Havas will read from her recent book, A Gentle Path of Healing: Encountering Nature’s Wisdom and Curative Energies. Lisa Bellamy will read from her recent book of poetry and present a writer's workshop on Saturday, August 24 at 1:00 PM.

“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program Storytime with Nancy will take place Wednesdays at 3:00 PM on July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, August 14th, and 21st. A Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Grant supports our summer reading programs and books for young patrons. The Traveling Lantern Theater is here Tuesday afternoon, August 6th, and Mountain to Mountain Theater
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presents scenes from Fairy Tale Mix Ups on Saturday, August 17th.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the volunteers who contribute to our library community.

- Karen Rappaport, Director

Thanks to generous grant funding from the Autism Alliance of Northeastern New York, Sensory Kits were designed for children and teens on the Autism spectrum and for their families and caregivers. Each kit includes sensory objects that families can try, books for both the individual on the spectrum and for their caregiver, and activities based on a theme. The themes include:

- Communication Skills
- Exploring the Senses
- For Siblings
- Learning about Emotions
- Medical Visits
- Thinking about the Senses

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The Paine Memorial Free Library is happy to announce a $5,000 grant has been received from Cloudsplitter Foundation to assist in the completion of our new Distance Learning Center located in the lower level of the library and our new handicap entrance located in the front of the library. The primary purpose of the Cloudsplitter Foundation is to improve the environment, both physical and cultural, in the Adirondacks and to make life easier, healthier, and more rewarding for the people who live there. We thank them for helping us bring these new changes to our community.

We would also like to thank NYS Construction Grant for helping us make the following improvements:

- **Phase I** – New entrance to lower level and an electrical upgrade
- **Phase II** – Plaster restoration and a dewatering system to keep the lower level dry
- **Phase III** – Handicap entrance and Distance Learning Center

This year our summer schedule features 3 art exhibits and 3 art receptions. The receptions provide a great opportunity to meet the Artists and enjoy the refreshments. As we do every summer there will be 3 different reading opportunities for children. We’ll be following the New York State reading theme “A Universe Of
Stories.” Those registered to the Summer Youth Program will enjoy daily reading time at our beach library. We also collaborate with Willsboro Central School to identify youth to read during summer at the Paine Library on a one-on-one reading experience with a Certified Reading Teacher. Then we also provide a Friday Story Hour for children ages 3-5 years old. Pre-registration is required. For adults we have a Readers Group that reads through the summer months. You can access the schedule along with what is being read through one of our Facebook pages: Paine Memorial Library Book Club.

If you like music, you are in luck. We hold banjo lessons on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Jam Band meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, and Youth Band meets on the first and third Wednesday from 4:15 - 5:00 PM. Call us for more details at 518-963-4478.

For fundraisers, we will hold the 23rd Annual Paine Memorial Golf Scramble on Thursday, July 11th at the Willsboro Golf Course. Tee times are 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM. The format will be an 18-hole, 4-ball Scramble with a $55 entry fee (includes cart). This includes golf, food, and lots of prizes! All-men teams and all-women teams may enter. A mixed team must be 2 women and 2 men. There will be refreshments throughout the day. Prizes will be drawn at 5:00 PM. You do not need to be present to win. To enter, call Willsboro Golf Club 518-963-8989. You may reserve a foursome or we will form a foursome for you. Space is limited; call early.

Our next fundraiser will be the 35th Annual Willsboro Folk Craft Fair, which will be held on Saturday July 27th rain or shine on the soccer field at Point Road, Willsboro. Come and join us! Crafts include: basket making, jewelry, knitting, painting, photography, pottery, quilting, stained glass, weaving, and wood working along with many other crafts! New artisans and crafters are most welcome! Call the library for an application.

Even with all this going on, my favorite part of the summer is when our summer patrons return. I love to hear them say, “Oh my gosh, I’m the 30th person on the list to read this book at home, and here it is!” That’s what makes my summer great.

- Cheryl Blanchard, Director
An Evening with Iditarod Racer Karen Land

In March, Karen Land, a 3-time Iditarod racer, brought her sled dog and her sled to the library for an informative and entertaining talk about running this challenging historical race. Karen touched on such diverse topics as the time-saving benefits of stretch Velcro ties for her dog booties, what she feeds her dogs - beaver meat - and how the effects of climate change are indeed affecting the conditions and layout of the trail. 50 people, including children, attended.

Annual Bird Walk

Local botany professor Michael Burgess recently led a dozen people on our annual Bird Walk along the Little Au Sable River Trail in Peru. The middle of May is a particularly good time to watch for migrating birds. We were not disappointed and saw a good variety of different birds, the most memorable being the chestnut sided warblers and the magnolia warblers. As Dr. Burgess pointed out, “What a treat seeing all those colorful little feathered dinosaurs!”
**KidsArt! Exhibit and Reception**

Every spring for the past 15 years we have hosted an art exhibit featuring the art work of the Peru Elementary School. We call it KidsArt! During the month of May the library walls are literally papered with children's bright and colorful art. We do this show not only to showcase the creative output of our children, but to demonstrate to our community the value of arts education in our schools. On the last day of the show we hold a reception for the young artists and their families. 300 people attended.

- Becky Pace, Director

**Book Club in a Bag:** 12 copies of a title, laminated discussion guides, and more than 40 to choose from.

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So many things are happening in the library! Our tag line is “a place to learn, gather, and grow” and we are taking that very seriously. We have expanded our traditional 6-program Monday night lecture series to include many other talks and programs and are offering concerts and craft programs as well. Event details can be found at keenevalleylibrary.org. Here are some events from the past, present, and future:

- **Sun., Jun. 23rd at 3:00 PM** - Peggy Lynn and Dan Duggan: Singing for Suffrage
- **Sun., Jul. 7th at 4:00 PM** - Monique Weston and C. Poppino: Immigration Fictions & Facts
- **Mon., Jul. 8th at 7:00 PM (informal talk), 8:00 PM (concert)** - Sinfonietta; both the lecture and concert will take place at Keene Valley Congregational Church, across from the library
- **Mon., Jul. 15th at 7:30 PM** - Pete Nelson: The Intrigues of Medad Mitchell, ADK surveyor
- **Mon., Jul. 22nd at 7:30 PM** - Curt Stager: Hidden Heritage: Exploring the Deep Human History of the Adirondacks
- **Mon., Jul. 29th at 7:30 PM** - Lorraine Duvall: An Adirondack Women’s Commune
- **Sun., Aug. 4th at 4:00 PM** - Jacob Boutte: The Science of Tasting Coffee
- **Mon., Aug. 5th at 7:30 PM** - Helen Allen Nerska: Women’s Suffrage in the North Country, 100 years ago
- **Mon., Aug. 12th at 7:30 PM** - Diane Fish: KeepItWild: Delivering on the Promise of the Adirondack Park
- **Tue., Aug. 13th at 7:30 PM** - Deborah Royce: Book Talk - Finding Mrs. Ford
- **Sun., Aug. 18th at 4:00 PM** - Katharine Preston: Book Talk - Field with a View
- **Mon., Aug. 19th at 7:30 PM** - Keene Valley Library Annual Meeting
- **Mon., Aug. 26th at 7:30 PM** - Chris Woodward: The Adirondack Guide Boat
In addition, we have started a local history story archive. We recorded 30 stories as of June 15th and they are accessible on our website. It is a strong program with many eager storytellers. Each story is archived on a platform called Memria.org, and is transcribed by the service and have photos accompanying the story. This project dovetails nicely with the activities of the new Town of Keene Historical Society. The project was opened to the public in a launch event on June 15th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Stories were made available on the website after that.

In spring we offered a humanities program on women's suffrage. A final program in that series is a concert by Peggy Lynn and Dan Duggan called Singing for Suffrage. Peggy has spent many years exploring women's history and is known for her ballads of Adirondack women. She is the co-author of Breaking Trail: Remarkable Women of the Adirondacks, and is the recipient of the Adirondack Mountain Club’s Arthur E. Newkirk Educator award. Dan Duggan was the winner of National Hammered Dulcimer Championship in Winfield, Kansas. He has produced numerous recordings of his own instrumental music, many for various folk and bluegrass artists, and Jamcrackers’ most recent recording, Get Crackin’. Together they bring the history of suffrage alive. The concert is June 23rd at 3:00 PM.

This summer we will offer a children’s program with stories and crafts on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:30 AM. We will also have pop-up programs for older children featuring Magic: the Gathering games, tie-dying, and weaving. There is a 3D printing course beginning July 9th for teens and adults.

July 23rd is our not-to-be-missed summer benefit. Live music, light fare, a silent auction, and wine and cheese all contribute to a celebration of the library. The benefit opens at 5:00 PM and is a major fundraiser for the library. There is a wonderful atmosphere of friendliness and goodwill.

We love being an active, happenin’ place. Our new addition is cool and welcoming all summer. Stop by and check us out. We are open 6 days a week beginning June 24th.

- Karen Glass, Director
Like everyone, we’ve been very busy at the Tupper Lake Public Library. Here’s an update of some of our recent events and activities, and some upcoming events:

- We started our 5th year of after-school book club for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys. In 2017, the girls demanded their own book club! I got a Stewart’s Shops Holiday Match grant to pay for the books that I provided to the students. It’s great to collaborate with Tupper Lake Central School on these book clubs, and you
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can see that they’ve become quite popular!

- We planned lots of activities for students over spring break again this year. About 64 kids participated in 21 different events. You can see photos of our activities on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Goff-Nelson-Memorial-Library-117155678304053). Thanks to the Town of Tupper Lake and the Wild Center for collaborating with us and offering activities here for our kids.

- Our next big event will be registration for our Summer Reading Program. Registration starts on Monday, June 24th at 10:00 AM, and we’ll have special events and crafts on the four Fridays in July. The theme for this year’s Summer Reading Program is “A Universe of Stories.” We’ll have lots of books, activities, and crafts to go along with that theme. And on July 19th, Lisa and Klaus Meissner perform at about 10:45 AM.

- We have three different book discussion groups at our library each month! We’ve borrowed almost every Book Club in a Bag! Let us know if you’d like more information, or to start another group!

- Once a month on Wednesdays, the Tupper Lake Historian Jon Kopp comes to talk about Tupper Lake History. Bring your brown bag lunch and beverage, and join us from 12:00 - 1:00 PM downstairs in the Community Room on July 10th, August 14th, September 18th, and October 16th. The first talk was on May 15th, and it was very well attended.

- We’re still accepting donations for a new HVAC system (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) for our building. The total estimated project cost: $463,485, and we currently have about $201,300. We hope to have air conditioning in 2020!

Our full calendar of events is online on our website at tupperlakepublib.wordpress.com/event.

-Peg Mauer, Director

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