



**MENDON
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
January 3, 2023
Director's Report

- Our new computer/network project is underway. On December 13, 7 new staff computers were successfully installed. At this time, it was deemed necessary and urgent to acquire a new server, therefore a purchase was made from Dell who provided the lowest quoted price. The Multipoint server used for our patron terminals did fall into serious disrepair on December 19. Our new server was installed on December 30, and the patron and catalog computers as well as the server migration will be completed very soon.
- On December 22, fines for J & YA items were suppressed in the system, and on December 23 we officially went fine-free for these items. Past fines were also waived on these J & YA materials. Patron feedback has been very positive.
- Pick up has begun for our Cozy Little Art Show canvases and interest has been strong. Invitations went out to special guests.
- We received an award certificate from the Village for 4th Place in the Holiday Decorating Contest overall and 1st Place for Christmas Spirit.
- We closed for inclement weather on December 23.
- Our salt water aquarium continues to be a big hit with patrons of all ages. The clownfish is doing very well, as observed by staff and according to The Salty Dog owner who performs monthly maintenance. We've even spotted additional sea life in the habitat including Asterina Starfish and Terrain Shrimp. The Friends have funded the maintenance for all of 2023.
- Library Advocacy season has begun. Lyla will meet with Senator Helming on January 19 at Chili Public Library. [NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2023](#) is on February 28. Lyla will be attending this in-person in Albany.
- An excellent resource Lyla has begun reviewing for her upcoming Legal Issues in Public Libraries class is [Carter's Public Library Law in New York State](#).

Programming Highlights for January 2023 (Kelly Paganelli reporting)

- Kids: Tuesday Story Time, Paws to Relax, and Firefly Friends all continue to attract young audiences. Our J Non-Fiction shelves have been weeded and are looking fresh. The library at Industry was super excited to receive the deleted items and usually came to pick up deleted books within 24-hours of our notification.
- The Kids Ornament Making Party and Mama Goose Sing Along both drew enthusiastic crowds. The Giant Connect Four Game set up over Break Week sparked some healthy competitions. A Guided Animal Drawing Class will be offered in January prior to the Cozy Little Art Show Community Reception.
- Also, BOT members and others in our community are encouraged to sign up to read as part of World Read Aloud Day. This event will happen on February 1, 2023 and half hour time slots are available. Contact Kelly at Kelly.paganelli@libraryweb.org if you want to sign up.
- Teen Involvement: Tina from Sweet & Cute offered a wonderful Tween Fudge Making Class. We had 15 tweens show up to make fudge with special add ins. Tina also supplied all the participants with fudge recipes, \$5 gift cards to her shop, and aprons to take home. In January, we're hoping teens will create art to submit to our Cozy Little Art Show.
- Adults: The No-Sew Holiday Ornament Class in mid-December drew some craft teens and adults to the library to create some amazing ornaments. January will find us offering a Mindfulness Series, Travel Talk Series, Bird Habitat Program, and Eating Healthy Program.
- The Cozy Little Art Show will be open to all. Free 5x7 canvases will be available for pick up at the library starting December 27, 2022. When picking up a canvas, patrons will be asked to complete a "Sign Out Sheet" with their name, phone, email contact information. Community members are encouraged to get creative. Any media will be accepted. All we ask is that the artwork be on the 5x7 canvas and suitable for all audiences. Canvases will need to be returned by January 10, 2023. The Friends of the Library will prep the show and open it to the public on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 16, 2023.
- The entire community is encouraged to stop by for The Cozy Little Art Show Community Reception at 2 pm on Monday, January 16, 2023, with a Honeoye Falls Lima Mendon Kiwanis Club Hot Cocoa Bar set up at 2 pm. Kiwanis Club members will also be reading to our youngest patrons from 2 pm – 4 pm. The show will remain up through February with artwork returned to artists at the end of February.
- Finally, we submitted a grant to the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts for a community art project that we're hoping to run from January – April 2023. The Grant involves local artist, Rachel DeVona, leading our community in "There's More to the Story": MPL Stained Glass Window Mini Murals. Stay tuned for more information.