

ADULT SERVICES January 2025

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- A. Mission to a Million Minutes: An intergenerational literacy program. I am happy to announce that we have begun this program with a bang reaching our first milestone of 50,000 in the first month! All ages are participating and reading, many for 1000s of minutes a month.
- B. Adult Literacy (**Goal**): Adult literacies including digital, cultural, career and health areas, continue to be delivered through program planning and collection development. Efforts continue to be taken to assess the responsiveness of adult patrons with the goal of tailoring an effective literacy program that addresses the needs and desires of the community. Assessment efforts include tracking attendance numbers, speaking directly with patrons, monitoring circulation, and staying abreast on current local events.
- C. Programs/Outreach
 - a. Tech Tutor: **Strategic Area 2** Tech tutor was held once this month with a total of 6 sessions.
 - b. **Strategic Area 1** Fun with paper. Every month we will be doing a project that is created with paper and learning about the history and origins of the technique. Come and spend time with Leslie learning how to make shades for wine glass luminaries.
 - c. **Strategic Area 1** Come Paint with me. Art teacher Deb Coller will be teaching the basics of watercolor painting.
 - d. **Strategic Area 1.** In Stitches. Every month we will be discovering the wonderful world of textile arts.
Leslie taught fabric and hoop wall hanging.
 - e. **Strategic Area 1, 3 and 4. Outreach.** Evergreen senior apartments "Library Time." A "Library Time" event will be held every third Wednesday in the activities room of Evergreen. Every month we will be taking large print books to Evergreen and Royal Gardens and setting up a book display.
 - f. **Strategic Area 1, 3 and 4. Outreach.** Delivering to our homebound patron is still a big success.
 - g. **Strategic Area 3 and 4.** COORDINATED CARE SERVICES INC. (CCSI) will be returning to the Seymour Library. CCSI provides a broad array of management services and technical assistance specifically tailored to meet the needs of local behavioral health, social and human services departments, state agencies, and community-based organizations in Monroe County, across New York State, and beyond. They will be holding appointments every 4th Monday of the month.
 - h. **Strategic Area 1.** "As the Pages Turn" book club. The fourth Wednesday of every month will be our "As the Pages Turn" book discussion group. This month's choice is this month's book is Extinction by Preston, Douglas J. Next month's is Long Island by [Colm Toibin](#).

- i. **Strategic Area 1. To Knit or to Crochet, That is the Question:** We began a **monthly** get together of individuals who like to knit and crochet to discuss design. Technique, learn how to read patterns, explore the differences of style and techniques from all over the world. We have now expanded this program two times. A daytime for those individuals who do not like to drive after dark and an evening for those individuals who work.
 - j. **Strategic Area 1.** Bracelets have been worn for many purposes throughout history, including to represent marital status, to ward off evil spirits, and to encourage the arrival of spring. A goddess bracelet is a celebration of the women in all her glory. Come and make your own.
 - k. **Strategic Area 1.** Movie Night. Once a month we show an Oscar winning movie.
 - l. **Strategic Area 1.** We are beginning a new book club: **Pages and Pictures**. Every month we will be showing a movie based on a book. This month we have taken a break for the holidays.
- D. Passive Programs:
 - a. Book Bites: Book Bites is a new passive program where patrons can learn all about new ideas in cooking. Every month we will be featuring a new spice. The patrons take home a spice kit that includes a recipe, a short description/history of the spice, a review of the spice to be returned to the library and enough spice to make the recipe twice. The patron is also given the opportunity to check our library books that contain other cookbooks that contain recipes that have that spice in its pages. Our current spice is Cardamom.
 - b. Lit Kits: Adult Lit Kits are mystery boxes on a theme. Inside each themed box is two books, a bookmark, coloring page, puzzle page, craft, sticker, and a snack. Patrons check them out sight unseen and enjoy the mystery. We are now up to 10 boxes on a subject. This month we are doing the theme National Mutt Day and National Bird Day.
- E. Programs in development:
 - a. **Strategic Area 1. The War After the War with Dr. John Daly:** DR. John Daly will be here to discuss his most recent book about the aftermath of the Civil War: The War after the War: A New History of Reconstruction (University of Georgia Press, UnCivil War Series, 2022).
 - b. **Strategic Area 1.** Next month will be our first month with our new class: Graphic Sketching. Leslie will be teaching the basics of how to sketch using math and geometry.
- F. Public Relations –
 - a. We are also working with BOCES to build little libraries.
- G. Collection Development
 - a. Book orders – Three: Fiction, non-fiction, and Large Print
 - b. Overdrive orders – one

H. Collaborations

a. Volunteers-

- i. We have been working on our biography section. Making sure we have subjects and titles in the correct amounts and areas.
- ii. We have begun our yearly shelf cleaning again. Still looking for volunteers to remove books from the shelves and dust wash each shelf.

I. Displays:

- a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created three displays: The Executive Brance (Fiction about presidents), Short books for short days, and What were we reading 25 years ago?
- b. The non-fiction display: Jan 18-19 Bald Eagle appreciation day
- c. Adult fiction display: Zane Grey's birthday Jan 31st.
- d. Audio Visual display: Jan 24th Belly Laugh Day
- e. The Donald W. Cary Seymour Staff Little Women and Sweet Treats.
- f. The fiction displays we are highlighting two holidays: Jan 5th National Bird Day and Jan 16th Appreciate a Dragon Day.
- g. End cap displays. Jan 13th Wolf Moon, Jan 25 "Robot" enters the world lexicon, Jan 12 National Tea Day, and Jan 1st Ellis Island Opened.
- h. Passive Programs: Voting on the name for our Mission rocket.
- i. Duryea Art: Mary Bryant

J. Meetings and Continuing Ed: