

ADULT SERVICES July 2025

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Adult Summer Reading started off with a bang and has just continued to grow. This is the largest summer adult reading program we have ever had! That I have ever been a part of!! 348 adults have signed up for the summer reading program as of the last day of July and they are still signing up! That is more than double last year's numbers!

- A. **Mission to a Million Minutes:** An intergenerational literacy program. I am happy to announce that our program has picked up speed! We are now reading over 110,000 every month! All ages are participating and reading, many for 1000s of minutes a month, including one young man who has read over 75,000 all on his own. We are so excited to have passed the 900,000 mark!!! We are planning to finish sometime around Labor Day.
- 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. **Digital Literacy:** *Every Monday, 3:30pm to 6:30 pm* This literacy initiative has been highly successful. Unfortunately, we lost our two volunteers from last year. We received a new volunteer on who will be with us going forward. This program also gives patrons access to the Northstar Computer Training from the Monroe County Public Libraries. Many patrons do not know this is available and our Wednesday tutor has created a how-to document to enable patrons to access these tutorials.
- D. **Programs/Outreach**
 - a. **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. Laura Jackett will be here to teach us how to create a Window Book.
 - b. **Strategic Area 1** Come Paint with me. Art teacher Deb Collier will be teaching the basics of watercolor painting.
 - c. **Strategic Area 1.** In Stitches. Every month we will be discovering the wonderful world of textile arts. Back by popular demand: Flower Pounding! Come and learn the technique of color transfer from wildflowers to fabric and then the art of embroidery to emphasize the work. This has been so popular we are holding two sessions.
 - d. **Strategic Area 1, 3 and 4. Outreach.** Evergreen senior apartments and Royal Garden Apartments "Library Time." A "Library Time" event will be held every third Tuesday at Royal Gardens and Wednesday at Evergreen Wednesday in the activities room. Every month we will be taking large print books to Evergreen and Royal Gardens and setting up a book display.

- e. **Strategic Area 1, 3 and 4. Outreach.** Delivering to our homebound patron is still a big success.
 - f. **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.
 - g. **Strategic Area 1. New name and direction for our book club.** "Bookmark Banter". The fourth Wednesday of every month will be our "Bookmark Banter" book discussion group. We will no longer be focusing on just one book but on a theme so that you are not limited to just one book. As long as the book fits the theme you can come and join in the discussion. May's theme is Day of the Cowboy. I have chosen 4 books from different genres that fit the theme to allow people who don't know what book to choose have something to take off the shelf. If however, they don't like my choices they can pick their own and still have fun. Next month's theme is Viking Day!
 - h. **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. I am also beginning to open this time up to additional one-on-one education opportunities for patrons. I will use this time to teach patrons (by appointment only) how to weave, sew on the sewing machine or other in-house crafts.
 - i. **Strategic Area 1.** Come and make a beautiful dragonfly that can be a centerpiece for kitchen decor, a children's room or a gift for a friend.
 - j. **Strategic Area 1. Reading Retreat.** In conjunction with the Mission to a Million Minutes we are conducting reading sprees once a month to give patrons the opportunity to come to the library to read with others as a community. July we are celebrating our Summer Reading theme "Color Our World." We set up beverages and cookies and had adults, children and families nestled around the fireplace reading for an hour to add more minutes to our mission.
 - k. **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's book was Wicked.
- E. 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 Grains of Paradise.

- 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 in conjunction with the Summer Reading theme "Color Our World."

F. 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).

G. Public Relations –

H. Collection Development

- a. Book orders – Three: Fiction, non-fiction, and Large Print
- b. Overdrive orders – none

I. Collaborations

- a. Volunteers-
 - i. We have begun our yearly shelf cleaning again. Still looking for volunteers to remove books from the shelves and dust wash each shelf.

J. Displays:

- a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created four displays: Thrillers, Christmas in July, Gardens, and Summer romances.
- b. Adult fiction display: Summer reading books
- c. The non-fiction display: Embrace your geekiness day July 13
- d. The fiction displays: National Kitten Day July 10th, vs. Global Tiger Day July 29th.
- e. End cap displays. US Declaration of Independence, Beatrix Potter's Birthday July 28, 1866, Fathers and Daughters take a Walk together Day and National Be a Good Teammate Day
- f. Audio Visual display: Rosewell Incident July 8, 1947
- g. The Donald W. Cary Seymour: Read all your colors
- h. Passive Programs: When will we reach 1,000,000 minutes?
- i. Duryea Art: Mary D'Agostino Art in Duryea
- j. CD Display: Pioneer Day
- k. Books on CD

K. Meetings and Continuing Ed: