

ADULT SERVICES March 2025

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- 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 100,000 every month! All ages are participating and reading, many for 1000s of minutes a month, including one young man who has read over 20,000 all on his own. We are so excited to have passed the 250,000 mark!!!
- 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, 11am to 2pm** 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 returns to teach us how to make an Accordion Book with Pockets.
 - b. **Strategic Area 1** Come Paint with me. Art teacher Deb Coller 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.
Leslie will be showing you a woven basket make-over.
 - d. **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.
 - e. **Strategic Area 1, 3 and 4. Outreach.** Delivering to our homebound patron is still a big success. We have added yet another patron.
 - 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.** "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 *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Next month we are changing the format. The new name will be "Bookmark Banter." 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. April's theme is National Grange Month or Agriculture and farming. 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.
 - 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.** Painting through glass*. Leslie will be teaching you how to transfer an image onto glass to be transparent.
 - j. **Strategic Area 1.** Graph sketching*. Graph sketching is a technique used in the theatre to reproduce a picture for a piece of scenery. It is very easy to learn and create remarkable results for all, even those that have never sketched before.
 - k. **Strategic Area 1. Reading Spree.** 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. March we aligned our reading spree with Gena theatre's performance of "Little Women." We set up a tea and served hot cocoa and cookies and had adults, children and families nestled around the fireplace reading for an hour to add more minutes to our mission.
 - 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's book was *Fight Club*.
- 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 Recado rojo.

- 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 Women's day.
 - c. VIP Passes: Seymour library has a number of different VIP passes that patron can check out of the library to help them go to local attractions. The passes get them into the attractions but do not enhance the experience in any fashion or add to their knowledge of the venue. So, we have begun adding educational games and information to each of these passes to enhance the patron's experience.
- 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).
 - 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.
- G. Public Relations –
 - a. We are also working with BOCES to build little libraries.
- H. Collection Development
 - a. Book orders – Three: Fiction, non-fiction, and Large Print
 - b. Overdrive orders – none
- I. 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.
- J. Displays:
 - a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created two displays: Women's History month and St. Patrick's Day.
 - b. The non-fiction display: Greece Independence day
 - c. Adult fiction display: Irish American Heritage Month
 - d. Audio Visual display: 10 Most Wanted Debuts
 - e. The Donald W. Cary Seymour Shakespeare inspired titles.
 - f. The fiction displays: National Optimism Month vs. National Pessimism month
 - g. End cap displays. The Ides of March 3/15, World Folktale and Fables Week 3/16-3/22, National Agriculture Day 3/18, and True Confessions Day 3/15.

- h. Passive Programs: Hedge hog day
- i. Duryea Art: David Walter art
- j. CD Display: Women of Jazz

K. Meetings and Continuing Ed: