

ADULT SERVICES May 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 50,000 all on his own. We are so excited to have passed the 550,000 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, 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 make a Back to Back Accordion Book.
 - 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. Needle weaving is an ancient technique that is taught all over the world. Spring is in the air and Leslie is making flowers out of buttons. Come and stitch along with her and make your own garden
 - 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. 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. 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 National Water Safety. 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 National Zoo Month!
- 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.** Enjoy making a mosaic trinket box with Leslie.
- 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 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. April we are celebrating our comic con that will be at the end of the month. 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 To Kill a Mockingbird.

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 Lavendar.

- 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 Mystery.
 - 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. Our latest pass is for the Empire Pass. Patrons can get a pass that has all 125 New York State parks listed in it and when they visit a park they get their pass stamped. They then can have push pin put in the map over the tree ring display if no one else has been to that park. Once they have 10 stamps they get a free used book.
- 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 – one
- 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 four displays: Anniversary of end of American Revolutionary War, Earth Day, This Just In – Recently returned books and Anniversary of end of American Civil War.
 - b. Adult fiction display: Mother's Day
 - c. The non-fiction display: Biographers Day
 - d. The fiction displays: International Day of Light vs. Dark Day in New England

- e. End cap displays. Niccolo Machiavelli's Birthday 5/3/1469, Be Kind to Animal Week 5/4-5/10, Teacher Appreciation Week 5/5-5/9, and Memorial Day.
- f. Audio Visual display: V-E Day
- g. The Donald W. Cary Seymour: What color do you read?
- h. Passive Programs: Outer Space Trivia
- i. Duryea Art: Tiny Art Show.
- j. CD Display: James Brown Birthday May 3, 1933
- k. Books on Cd

K. Meetings and Continuing Ed: