

ADULT SERVICES November 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!! 350 adults signed up for the summer reading program. That is more than double last year's numbers!

- A. **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.
- B. **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.
- C. **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. Leslie will be teaching how to make a paper medallion to decorate your home this holiday season.
 - 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 leading us through the process of making String Angels.
 - 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. November's theme was Alice in Wonderland! 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. Due to this book club falling on Christmas we will not be holding it in December. January's theme is the discovery of King Tut.
- 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. This is the third Year that Laura Buckner has donated his time and money to come and teach a class in holiday wreath making. Thank you Laura.**
- j. **Strategic Area 1.** Movie night. Patrons now can vote on what movie they would like to see next month. They are given 4 choices and the highest vote will be shown.
- k. **Strategic Area 1. Doodles with Deb.** This is a wonderful doodling class taught by our painting teacher. It is relaxing and fun. This month we also had a birthday.

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 Curry.
- 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 is "Foliage."

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).

F. Public Relations –

G. Collection Development

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

H. 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.
 - ii. We have been working on a new display in non-fiction. Many adults need information on difficult subjects and are reluctant to ask for help. We are attempting to make these subjects more self-service to help provide more anonymity to patrons.

I. Displays:

- a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created two displays: Authors with more than one series, and Fiction about Newspaper and Journalists.
- b. Adult fiction display: Thanksgiving
- c. The non-fiction display: Veterans Day 11/11
- d. The fiction displays: National Family Week 11/23-11/29 and National Adoption Month
- e. End cap displays. Billy the Kid's Birthday 11/23/1859, World Philosophy Day 11/20, Loose Up, Lighten Up Day 11/14, and International Day of Islamic Art 11/18.
- f. Audio Visual display: Ennio Morricone's Birthday 11/10/1928
- g. Donald W. Cary Seymour: MiFi, Band books, and T-Shirts
- h. Passive Programs: Questions about the American Bison.
- i. Duryea Art: Roger Dowd Museum in Duryea
- j. CD Display: Cozy acoustic
- k. Books on Cd

J. Meetings and Continuing Ed: Adult

- a. Programming meeting
- b. Westside entrepreneurs