

ADULT SERVICES April 2026

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The preparation for this year's Summer reading program are underway. Can't wait to show everyone the fun!! Thank you to my wonderful intern Lindsey for all her help in making it come true!!

- 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. Doodle Frame.
 - 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. Wrap bracelets are all the rage. Do you have one? Come and make your own.
 - 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 just signed another patron up for this service. This time in Clarkson.
 - 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. March's theme is Inauguration of the Pony Express 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. April's Theme is **Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders Month**. 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. The daytime has become so popular that we are now meeting every week. 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 spend some time with Leslie to make a mini terrariums. So cute and you don't need to water.**
- 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.** Jigsaw Puzzle club. Every Tuesday Morning like minded people who want to solve puzzles are gathering for some quality time together and to play board games and assemble puzzles.
- l. **Strategic Area 1.** Massacres, Mustaches, and Mandates: The 1876 U.S. Centennial **with Dr. John Daly. John Daly SUNY Professor will be here to talk about the Centennial, Little Big Horn and the chaotic presidential election and on the End of Reconstruction, The Presidential election, and the Constitutional Amendments and constitutional issues with election itself.**
- m. **Strategic Area 1.** How to use a smart phone. Do you need help navigating your cell phone. Come and listen to a phone specialist as he answers your questions.
- n. **Strategic Area 1.** Objects from History. At GCVI our museum educator brings unusual and everyday objects from the 19th century to your library. You will have the opportunity to examine the objects and discover on your own how people devised technological solutions to meet their specific needs. This program provides ample opportunities to compare the tools and constructs of the past with those of today and is an excellent starting point for further research.
- o. **Strategic Area 1.** Sketching with Helena* Have you always wanted to try your hand at sketching? Come and spend a pleasant afternoon with Helena and learn to sketch.

"Hi there! My name is Helena. This will be my first time teaching an official art class, and I am so excited! I started drawing before I could spell my own name, and that love of drawing has followed me throughout my life. I got my undergrad in biology with the intent to become an orthodontist because I didn't want to be a "starving artist" as much as I loved art. But one day, my mother was in a doctor's office and wondered, "Who draws all these posters?" One Google rabbit hole later, I found the perfect job for me: medical illustrator. It took a lot of work, but I finally got accepted to the RIT Medical Illustration MFA program. I've been working on getting my degree for a few years, and I'm excited to share the things I've learned with all y'all!"

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. March's spice is Ajuna seeds.
- 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 Couples Month.

E. Programs in development:

- a. **Strategic Area 1. The History of Spam**
- b. **Strategic Area 1 CCC-POW**
- c. **Strategic Area 1 History of Letchworth**
- d. **Strategic Area 1 History of Hamlin Beach**
- e. **Strategic Area 1 the Rochester Jeffersons**
- f.

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.
- iii. We have been working on cleaning the bookends.

I. Displays:

- a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created two displays: To the Moon and Beyond and Earth, water, fire, and wind
- b. Adult fiction display: Arab American Month
- c. The non-fiction display: Poetry Month
- d. The fiction displays: Earth Day and National Pet Day
- e. End cap displays. A Drop of Water Is a Grain of Gold 4/3, Community Spirit Day, Autism Acceptance Month. And Easter/Spring.
- f. Audio Visual display: Global Astronomy Month
- g. Donald W. Cary Seymour: Arbor Day
- h. Passive Programs: Crate Your Own Holiday
- i. Duryea Art: Ann Kimmell Art in Duryea
- j. CD Display: Spring Rain
- k. Books on Cd

J. Meetings and Continuing Ed: Adult

- a. Westside entrepreneurs