

## ADULT SERVICES July 2026

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### Standalone Programs:

- A. **Letchworth State Park: A Natural Wonder:** The Renowned 'Grand Canyon of the East', Letchworth State Park is one of the most highly rated state parks in the country and visited by nearly 1 million people annually. From glaciers and rocks, to plants and animals, learn what makes Letchworth so special through the lens of natural history.
- B. **Alaska Travel:** Come and see all the adventures that Leslie had exploring Alaska!
- C. **1776: The Year of Our Independence:** 1776 is one of the most important years in American History. Thomas Paine published his essay Common Sense, changing the mindset of the nation. Not long after, Thomas Jefferson penned The Declaration of Independence, which would inspire nations to seek their own independence for generations to come. Summer brought the Battle of Long Island, and the year ends with Washington crossing the Delaware. Please join MCC professor of history, Mark Sample, as he tells these and other stories from this most momentous year.

### Continuing Craft Programs:

- A. **Strategic Area 1 Come** paint with me. Art teacher Deb Coller will be teaching the basics of watercolor painting.
- B. **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. Decorative Flower
- C. **Strategic Area 1. In Stitches.** Macramé wall hangings.
- D. **Strategic Area 1. Beaded Suncatcher:** Here we have upcycling at its best. A kitchen whisk and beads. A wonderful decoration for a kitchen.
- E. **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.

- F. **Strategic Area 1.** Summer Jewelry with Deb Coller
- G. **Strategic Area 1.** Mixed Media Summer Collage with Deb Coller
- H. **Strategic Area 1.** One-on-one sewing class with Leslie This is becoming very popular. So much so that I needed to add a second session for the month of July.

#### Continuing Programs:

- I. **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.
- J. **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.
- K. **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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.
- L. **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. July's Theme is National 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. August's theme is Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Established Aug. 1, 1916. If however, they don't like my choices they can pick their own and still have fun...
- M. **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.
- N. **Strategic Area 1.** Jigsaw Puzzle club. Every Tuesday Morning likeminded people who want to solve puzzles are gathering for some quality time together and to play board games and assemble puzzles.

**O. Outreach**

- a. **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.
- b. **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 Brockport.

**P. 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. July’s spice is Cardamom.
- 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 I am the Mac to your Cheese.

**Q. Programs in development:**

- a. Topics From the Civil War
- b. Summer Earrings with Deb Coller
- c. **911**
- d. History of Red Cross: Then and Now
- e. "You Live on Stolen Land: Indigenous Dispossession and the Revolution in New York State
- f. Does Buying a house spook you?
- g. Kirtan Music
- h. Extraordinary Women of the American Revolution"
- i.

**R. Public Relations –**

**S. Collection Development**

- a. Book orders – three: Fiction, non-fiction, and Large Print
- b. Overdrive orders – one

**T. 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. Summer reading
- iii. We have been working on cleaning the bookends.
- iv. We have begun a process of placing stickers on books that need them.

**U. Displays:**

- a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created three displays: Fiction with a beach setting, America 250 Fiction set in different states, and Nonfiction- USA history.
- b. Adult fiction display: Summer Reading
- c. The non-fiction display: Precambrian (origins of life, early evolution)
- d. The fiction displays: Cambrian (early shelled organisms) vs Devonian (first trees)
- e. End cap displays. Triassic (first dinosaurs, first reptiles), Jurassic (dinosaurs diverse and abundant), Cretaceous (Pangea breaks, end of dinosaurs), and Pleistocene (ice age, early humans)
- f. Audio Visual display: Holocene (11,700 MYA – present)
- g. Donald W. Cary Seymour: Summer reading
- h. Passive Programs: summer reading
- i. Duryea Art:
- j. CD Display: Permian (Pangea intact for duration of period, formed in previous one i.e.. Carboniferous)
- k. Books on Cd

**V. Meetings and Continuing Ed: Adult**

- a. Outreach