



Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023
(DRAFT until Accepted in meeting)

AGENDA

- I. Call to order - 7:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Review and Approve Agenda
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve agenda as presented.
- IV. Privilege of the floor
- V. Approval of October 9, 2023 Minutes (regular Board meeting)
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the minutes of October 9, 2023 regular Board meeting.
- VI. Personnel Appointments (None)
- VII. Finances
 - a. Financial report for October 2023– Catherine Lemmer
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the financial report for October 2023 as presented.
 - b. Warrant Schedule for October 2023
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the October 2023 warrant schedule as presented.
- VIII. October 2023 Director’s Report – Catherine Lemmer
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Physical Resources Committee - None
 - ii. Community Resources Committee - None
 - iii. Human Resources - None
 - iv. Sunshine Committee - None
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. Historical Society Committee – Trustee Quinn
 - ii. Bylaws Committee - None
- X. Reports from Partner Groups
 - a. Friends liaison – Trustee Bill Troy
 - b. Junior Friends liaison – Trustee Jim Tarvin
- XI. New Business
- XII. Privilege of the floor
- XIII. Adjournment
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adjourn.

Next Regular Meeting: December 11, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Privilege of the Floor

Pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the bylaws of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society, any member of the public, present at the meeting, may speak during privilege of the floor. The Chair of the meeting shall designate a maximum amount of time for privilege of the floor in order to run the meeting in an efficient manner. Comments may not personally denigrate staff or Board members. Attendees' behavior shall be held to the Library Rules of Conduct.

Members of the public wishing to speak will be recognized by the Chair and be asked to stand, state their name and address for the record, and face the Board when making their comments.



Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of
Trustees Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023

Draft

Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2023

I. Call to order

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society was called to order by President Meghan Boroden at 7:00pm on October 9, 2023.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Meghan Boroden, Bill Troy, Bob Quinn, Jim Tarvin, Emily Collado, and Tina Fortugno. Also in attendance, Catherine Lemmer, Director, and Mary Hoens, Clerk of the Board. Absent: Heather LaBruna.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review and Approve Agenda

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve agenda as presented. Motion, Bob Quinn. Second, Tina Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0).

IV. Privilege of the floor: None.

V. Friends of the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society Resolution [Action item]

WHEREAS, in 1998 a group of dedicated friends and supporters organized the Friends of Goshen Public Library & Historical Society (the “Friends”) to support and advocate for the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society (the “Library”);

WHEREAS, the Friends have been tireless in their efforts to raise funds for and awareness of the Library for the benefit of the entire community;

WHEREAS, the Friends were instrumental in supporting the passage of the 2015 referendum to build the current Library building;

WHEREAS, the Friends play a vital role in the success of the Library by raising funds to sponsor programs, resources, and services that help the Library meet the needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, the very gift of the Friends' time and commitment to the Library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and advancement of critical civic institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society thank the Friends and invite the community to celebrate our Friends for all they do to enrich our Library and our community. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 6-0-0).

The Board President invited all to attend a reception on Tuesday, October 17, at 3:00 pm in the Pomares Community Room, Goshen Public Library & Historical Society.

- VI. Approval of September 18, 2023, Minutes (regular Board meeting)
[Action item]RESOLVED that the Board approve the minutes of September 18, 2023, regular Board meeting. Motion, Emily Collado. Second, Bill Troy. (Approved 6-0-0).

- VII. PersonnelAppointments
[Action Item] RESOLVED to appoint Rosa Pomar-Desire, a part-time substitute library page, to part-time non-competitive clerk in Youth Services and Angela Piranio to part-time non- competitive library clerk. Motion, Jim Tarvin. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 6-0-0).

- VIII. Finances
 - a. Financial report–Catherine Lemmer
[Action item]RESOLVED to approve the financial report for September 2023 as presented. Motion, Bob Quinn. Second, Bill Troy. (Approved 6-0-0).

 - b. Warrant Schedule for September 2023
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the September 2023 warrant schedule as presented. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Tina Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0).

 - c. NYLAF Agreement
[Action Item] Resolution approving entering into the Municipal Cooperation Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2016, to provide for the cooperative temporary investment of public funds under the trade name “New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF).” Motion, Emily Collado. Second, Bill Troy. (Approved 6-0-0).

WHEREAS, the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society(“Participant”), pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and its investment policy, after due investigation, evaluation and deliberation, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Participant to invest a portion of its public funds on a cooperative basis pursuant to the terms of a Municipal Cooperation Agreement dated as of April 29, 2016 (the “Agreement”) among the Red Hook Central School District, as Lead Agent, and various other

municipal corporations, under the trade name “New York Liquid Asset Fund” (“NYLAF”);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body (the “Board of Trustees”) of the Participant, located in Orange County, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The terms, conditions, and provisions of the Agreement attached hereto are hereby approved. The Library Director (the “Director”) of the Participant is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement, and the Director is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Participant thereto and attest such seal. The Director is hereby authorized to from time to time effect and consent to such changes to the Agreement in the form attached hereto as may be necessary or convenient in order to carry out the purposes of the Agreement or to clarify or correct the terms thereof. The Director is hereby authorized to delegate the foregoing duties to their designee as authorized by the Law (as that term is defined in the Agreement), which designee is an authorized employee officer of the Participant. Upon the execution in full and delivery of the Agreement, the Participant shall become a Participant, as that term is defined in the Agreement.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any term or provision of the Agreement to the contrary, the Participant may withdraw from the Agreement at any time upon thirty(30)days written notice to the Governing Board of NYLAF by the Library Director and thereafter the Participant shall cease to have any rights or obligations under the Agreement.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its due adoption by the Library Board of Trustees.

- d. Resolution approving the 2024 Ramapo Catskill Library System 2024 RCLS Budget [Action item] RESOLVED to accept 2024 Ramapo Catskill Library System 2024 RCLS Budget. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 6-0-0).
- e. Resolution approving the switch of Integrated Library System providers from SirsiDynix to ByWater Solutions [Action item] WHEREAS the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society (the “Library”) and Ramapo Catskill Library System (“RCLS”) are party to an Agreement for Integrated Library System Participation (the “ILS Agreement”) with a five-year term beginning January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS The Directors’ Association (DA) voted to change the current ILS vendor, SirsiDynix, to the new ILS vendor, ByWater Solutions, with the affirmative consent of a majority of member library directors; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Library hereby AGREES with the DA and votes IN FAVOR of

switching Integrated Library System providers from SirsiDynix to ByWater Solutions. Motion, Tina Fortugno. Second, Emily Collado. (Approved 6-0-0).

- IX. Director's Report—Catherine Lemmer (see attached).
- X. Update on art gallery project
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the Exhibit and Display Policy as presented. Motion, Emily Collado. Second, Bill Troy. (Approved 6-0-0).
- XI. Approval of Security Camera Policy
[Action Item] RESOLVED to approve the Security Camera Policy as presented. Motion, Jim Tarvin. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 6-0-0).
- XII. Approval of 2024 Hours of Operation
[Action Item] RESOLVED to approve the 2024 Hours of Operation. Motion, Emily Collado. Second, Tina Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0).
- XIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Physical Resources Committee—Waiting for NYSEG to set the meters and connections for the generator.
 - ii. Community Resources Committee-None
 - iii. Human Resources-None
 - iv. Sunshine Committee - None
 - b. AdHoc Committees
 - i. Historical Society Committee – Next scheduled meeting is on November 13th at 12pm.
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the Local History Room Policies & Procedures. Motion, Jim Tarvin. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 6-0-0)
 - ii. Bylaws Committee-None
- XIV. Reports from Partner Groups
 - a. Friends liaison—Trustee Bill Troy. Next lecture is scheduled for Oct. 14th at 10 am, titled 'Henry Lawrence Burnett: Prosecuting the Lincoln Conspirators.'
The two scholarships that the Friends award have increased to \$1000.00.
 - b. Junior Friends liaison—Trustee Jim Tarvin. The movie, 'Winter of the Witch,' that was filmed in Goshen will be shown in the Pomares Room on Saturday, October 28th at 6 pm.

XV. New Business

XVI. Privilege of the floor: None

XVII. ExecutiveSession

[Action item]RESOLVED that the Board enter executive session at 8:25 pm for discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Tina Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0).

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit executive session at 8:38 pm. No action was taken. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 6-0-0).

XVIII. Adjournment

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion, Tina Fortugno. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 6-0-0).

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.
Submitted by Mary C. Hoens, Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

Goshen Public Library and Historical Society
Statement of Activities
October 1 - 31, 2023 and YTD Jul 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	Q
1				MONTH			YEAR TO DATE				FULL YEAR		FULL YEAR	
2				October 23/24	Budget	(Over) /Under Bud	23/24 Act YTD	YTD Bud	(Over) /Under Bud	% of Budget	Budget 23/24	Debt 23/24	% of Budget	
3	Income													
4	Real Property Taxes			1,063,553	1,063,553	(0)	1,063,553	1,063,553	-		1,897,106			
5	Real Property Taxes-Bond			131,547	131,547		131,547	131,547	-		-	493,094	27%	Bond amount
6	PILOT Revenue			27,298	5,000	(22,298)	27,298	20,000	(7,298)	136%	60,000			
7	RCLS Grants			-	-	-	5,136	-	(5,136)		-			
8	Other Grants			-	667	667	175,000	2,667	(172,333)		8,000			
9	Library Charges			591	250	(341)	2,028	1,000	(1,028)		3,000			
10	Appropriated Reserve			-	4,727	4,727	-	18,908	18,908		56,720		0%	Appropriated for Gen
11	Friends of the GPLHS			1,050	42	(1,008)	1,915	167	(1,748)		500			
12	Donations			150	-	-	350	-	(350)		-			
13	Miscellaneous Income			369	-	(369)	1,487	1,994	507		5,982			
14	Total Income			1,224,558	1,205,786	(18,622)	1,408,314	1,239,836	(168,478)	114%	2,031,308	493,094	56%	
15	Expense													
16	Total Salaries & Wages			70,367	85,204	14,837	295,634	340,816	45,182	87%	1,107,653	-	27%	
17	Employee Benefits													
18	FICA			4,319	5,283	964	18,078	15,848	(2,230)	114%	68,674			
19	Medicare			1,010	1,235	225	3,909	3,706	(203)	105%	16,061			
20	Worker's Compensation			-	667	667	1,990	2,667	677	75%	8,000			
21	Unemployment Insurance			177	833	656	1,452	3,333	1,881	44%	10,000			
22	Disability Insurance			(62)	583	645	(265)	2,333	2,598	-11%	7,000			
23	Health Insurance			13,568	12,752	(816)	51,586	55,252	3,666	93%	170,000			
24	Retiree Health Insurance			1,415	1,415	-	1,415	1,415	-	0%				
25	Vision Care			52	83	31	217	333	116		1,000			
26	State Retirement			-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	100,000			
27	Direct Deposit Fees			105	83	(22)	425	333	(92)		1,000			
28	Total Employee Benefits			20,584	22,934	2,350	78,807	85,220	6,413	92%	381,735	-	21%	
29	Library Materials/Services													
30	Books - Adult			1,304	3,500	2,196	11,080	14,000	2,920	79%	42,000			
31	Books - Teen			41	667	626	600	2,667	2,067	22%	8,000			
32	Books - Juvenile			793	1,333	540	6,237	5,333	(904)	117%	16,000			
33	Books - Reference			-	250	250	99	1,000	901	10%	3,000			
34	Reference Databases			248	333	85	496	1,333	837	0%	4,000			
35	Serials			345	667	322	4,293	2,667	(1,626)	161%	8,000			
36	AV			581	333	(248)	1,966	1,333	(633)	147%	4,000			
37	AV - Audio Books			-	333	333	1,369	1,333	(36)	0%	4,000			
38	AV - Audio Music			-	83	83	104	333	229	0%	1,000			
39	Museum Passes			-	83	83	500	333	(167)	150%	1,000			
40	E Content			1,831	917	(914)	6,306	3,667	(2,639)	172%	11,000			
41	Total Library Materials/Services			5,143	8,500	3,357	33,050	33,999	949	97%	102,000	-	32%	
42	Building													
43	Equipment			-	300	300	-	1,200	1,200	0%	3,600			
44	Building Repairs/Improvements			-	2,500	2,500	2,143	10,000	7,857	21%	30,000			
45	Utilities			3,453	3,000	(453)	16,469	12,000	(4,469)	137%	36,000			
46	Insurance			3,320	10,000	6,680	14,068	20,000	5,932	0%	40,000			
47	New Building-Generator			555	4,727	4,172	20,505	18,908	(1,597)	0%	56,720			Appropriated for Generator
48	Building Services			1,482	3,333	1,851	24,446	13,333	(11,113)	183%	40,000			

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2				October 23/24	Budget	(Over) /Under Bud	23/24 Act YTD	YTD Bud	(Over) /Under Bud	% of Budget	Budget 23/24	Debt 23/24	% of Budget	
49			Custodial Services	492	500	8	853	2,000	1,147	43%	6,000			
50			Total Building	9,302	24,360	15,058	78,484	77,441	(1,043)	101%	212,320	-	37%	
51			Technology											
52			IT Services	10,404	3,500	(6,904)	20,808	14,000	(6,808)		42,000			
53			Computer Hardware	-	292	292	(2,094)	1,167	3,261	-179%	3,500			
54			Computer Software	112	208	96	185	833	648	22%	2,500			
55			ILS	-	1,500	1,500	3,998	6,000	2,002	67%	18,000			
56			Total Technology	10,516	5,500	(5,016)	22,897	22,000	(897)	104%	66,000	-	35%	
57			Programs/Public Relations											
58			Strategic Plan	-	417	417	-	1,667	1,667	0%	5,000			
59			Newsletter, Program Flyers	120	417	297	1,134	1,667	533	68%	5,000			
60			Programs - Adult	1,210	1,500	290	7,102	6,000	(1,102)	118%	18,000			
61			Programs-Community Dev	2,685	1,500	(1,185)	5,684	6,000	316	95%	18,000			
62			Local History	345	417	72	695	1,667	972	0%	5,000			
63			Programs - Juvenile	183	1,667	1,484	5,889	6,667	778	88%	20,000			
64			Programs - Teen	48	583	535	1,331	2,333	1,002	57%	7,000			
65			Total Programs/Public Relations	4,591	6,501	1,910	21,835	26,001	4,166	84%	78,000	-	28%	
66			Administrative Expenses											
67			Telephone	868	833	(35)	3,770	3,333	(437)	113%	10,000			
68			Printing	1,867	500	(1,367)	1,867	2,000	133	93%	6,000			
69			Postage	-	208	208	537	833	296	64%	2,500			
70			Office Equipment Maintenance	-	167	167	-	667	667	0%	2,000			
71			Professional Services											
72			Accounting	-	750		2,025	3,000	975	68%	9,000			
73			Legal	1,975	1,000	(975)	2,429	4,000	1,571	61%	12,000			
74			CSEA	2,566	-	(2,566)	22,886	-	(22,886)		-			
75			Other Prof. Services		250	250	486	1,000	514	49%	3,000			
76			Library Supplies	1,199	1,358	159	5,066	5,433	367	93%	16,300			
77			Copier Lease	250	250	-	1,000	1,000	-	0%	3,000			
78			Continuing Education	375	583	208	955	2,333	1,378	41%	7,000			
79			Election	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	3,500			
80			Membership Dues	-	208	208	1,375	1,167	(208)	118%	2,500			
81			Miscellaneous Expense	82	458	376	162	1,833	1,671	9%	5,500			
82			Total Admin Expenses	9,182	6,565	(3,367)	42,558	26,599	(15,959)	160%	82,300	-	52%	
83			Other Interest Exp	3,963	108		3,963	432	(3,531)		1,300			
84			Bond Interest Exp	131,547	131,547	(0)	131,547	131,547	-			263,094		
85			Bond Principal				-	-	-			230,000		
86			Total Expense	261,232	291,111	29,879	708,775	743,623	34,848	95%	2,031,308	493,094	28%	
87			Total Income	1,224,558	1,205,786	(18,622)	1,408,314	1,239,836	(168,478)		2,031,308	493,094	56%	
88			Net Ordinary Income	963,326	914,675	48,651	699,539	496,213	203,326		-	-		
89			NO CAPITAL ACTIVITY											
90				Narrative:										
91				Received 1st Tax levy check on 10/2/23 for 50%					Received PILOT checks on 10/2/23 for Legoland \$25,719.60					
92				of Total Tax Levy less TAN repayment and Bond Interest					and Amy's Kitchen \$1,578.76					
93				for amount of \$609,589.68					Received PILOT checks on 10/2/23 for Legoland \$25,719.60					
94				Received PILOT checks on 10/2/23 for Legoland \$25,719.60					and Amy's Kitchen \$1,578.76					

Goshen Public Library and Historical Society
Balance Sheet
General Fund
As of October 31, 2023

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	K	L	M	N
1											
2						31-Oct-23					
3	ASSETS										
4	Current Assets										
5	Checking/Savings										
6	Cash - Key - Current year funds					672,097.86					
7	Cash - Key - 6/30/23 Balance					509,581.22					
8	Total Key Balance					<u>1,181,679.08</u>					
9											
10	Cash - Orange County Trust					5,395.90					
11	Petty Cash					99.25					
12	Total Checking/Savings					<u>1,187,174.23</u>					
13											
14											
15											
16											
17	Total Current Assets					<u>1,187,174.23</u>					
18	TOTAL ASSETS					<u><u>1,187,174.23</u></u>					
19											
20	LIABILITIES & EQUITY										
21	Liabilities										
22	Current Liabilities										
23	Accounts Payable					3,605.05					
24	Accrued Expenses					-					
25	Real Property Tax Advance					.					
26	Payroll Liabilities					4,608.20					
27	Total Other Current Liabilities					<u>8,213.25</u>					
28											
29	Total Liabilities					8,213.25					
30											
31	Equity (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)					<u>1,178,960.98</u>					
32											
33	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY					<u><u>1,187,174.23</u></u>					
34											

Goshen Public Library & Historical Society
Statement of Cash Position
Capital Fund at 10/31/23

Cash accounts	Balance
Orange Bank & Trust	9,254.15
Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan (CFOS)	55,532.85
Total cash available	64,787.00

NO CAPITAL ACTIVITY

Goshen Public Library and Historical Society
Board Warrant Schedule
November 7, 2023

10/16/2023	18639	Void		-
10/16/2023	18640	Baker & Taylor Books	Library Materials-Books-Adult/Juvenile/Teen/Reference	2,100.63
10/16/2023	18641	C. R. Wolfe Heating Corp.	Building-Building Services	913.00
10/16/2023	18642	Cengage Learning	Library Materials-Books-Adult	56.79
10/16/2023	18643	Greenwald & Doherty LLP	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services-CSEA	7,315.00
10/16/2023	18644	Jacobowitz & Gubits	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services-Legal	1,975.04
10/16/2023	18645	Karen Golding	Programs-Adult Programs	22.05
10/16/2023	18646	Norma Fives	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	607.95
10/16/2023	18647	NYSEG	Building-Utilities	43.74
10/16/2023	18648	OverDrive	Library Materials-E Content	460.99
10/16/2023	18649	Robert W. Schultz, CPA	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services	675.00
10/16/2023	18650	Sam's Club	Programs-Community Development/Administrative Expenses-Library Supplies	323.74
10/16/2023	18651	ShelterPoint	Employee Benefits-Vision	70.04
10/23/2023	18652	Cengage Learning	Library Materials-Books-Adult	211.93
10/23/2023	18653	Demco, Inc.	Administrative Expenses-Library Supplies / Library Materials-Books-Juvenile	732.91
10/23/2023	18654	Elizabeth DiGiorgio	Administrative Expenses-Personnel	150.00
10/23/2023	18655	Gaylord Bros., Inc.	Programs-Local History	194.65
10/23/2023	18656	Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP	Building-Building Services	387.00
10/23/2023	18657	Knight Watch Security Systems	Building-New Building Generator	555.00
10/23/2023	18658	Midwest Tape	Library Materials-AV	183.67
10/23/2023	18659	Orange & Rockland	Building-Utilities	3,409.33
10/23/2023	18660	SRI Fire Sprinkler LLC	Building-Building Services	730.00
10/23/2023	18661	Void		-
10/24/2023	18662	M & T Bank	M & T credit card-see attached & see # 18664 and 18674	1,500.00
10/24/2023	18663	Void		-
10/26/2023	18664	M & T Bank	M & T credit card-see attached & see # 18662 and 18674	2,900.00
10/27/2023	18665	RCLS General	Library Materials-E Content	1,370.00
10/31/2023	18666	Automated Logic	Building-Building Services	752.00
10/31/2023	18667	Baker & Taylor Books	Library Materials-Books-Adult/Juvenile/Teen	2,021.63
10/31/2023	18668	Cengage Learning	Library Materials-Books-Adult	75.99
10/31/2023	18669	Cornerstone Theatre Arts	Programs-Community Development	2,500.00
10/31/2023	18670	Frontier Communications-NY	Administrative Expenses-Telephone	91.72
10/31/2023	18671	Janice Bauer	Programs-Adult Programs	240.00
10/31/2023	18672	Janice Vilardo	Programs-Adult Programs	190.00
10/31/2023	18673	Karen Golding	Programs-Teen Programs	47.50
10/31/2023	18674	M & T Bank	M & T credit card-see attached & see # 18662 and 18664	1,850.92
10/31/2023	18675	Void		-
10/31/2023	18676	Spectrum Business	Administrative Expenses-Telephone	209.97
10/31/2023	18677	Toshiba Financial Services	Administrative Expenses-Copier Lease	250.00
10/31/2023	18678	RCLS General	Programs-Adult/Juv Programs /Ref Database/ IT Services/Comp Software/E Content	12,541.75
10/31/2023	18679	Gustavo Lopez	Administrative Expenses-Telephone-Building Supplies	61.92
11/07/2023	18680	Elizabeth DiGiorgio	Administrative Expenses-Salaries & Wages	150.00
11/07/2023	18681	Maria Robinson	Programs-Adult Programs	180.00
11/07/2023	18682	Patricia Foxx	Programs-Adult Programs	200.00
11/07/2023	18683	Patsy Williams	Programs-Adult Programs	190.00
11/07/2023	18684	Springshare LLC	Electronic Resources-Computer Software	641.00
11/07/2023	18685	SRS Inc.	Programs-Adult Programs	24.95
10/05/2023	ACH DR	Oxford Health Plans	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	15,320.59
10/05/2023	ACH DR	IRS	Employee Benefits-FICA/Medicare/Federal Taxes	7,967.60
10/05/2023	ACH DR	New York State Tax Department	Employee Benefits-New York Taxes	1,287.21
10/05/2023	ACH DR	TIAA-CREF	Employee Benefits-403b withholding	1,193.46
10/19/2023	ACH DR	IRS	Employee Benefits-FICA/Medicare/Federal Taxes	8,273.94
10/19/2023	ACH DR	New York State Tax Department	Employee Benefits-New York Taxes	1,355.15
10/19/2023	ACH DR	TIAA-CREF	Employee Benefits-403b withholding	1,198.46
10/30/2023	ACH DR	Utica National Insurance	Building-Insurance	3,320.00
10/15/2023	ACH DR	Allstate Life insurance Co.	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	9.60
10/3/2023	ACH DR	AFLAC	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	211.09
10/17/2023	ACH DR	AFLAC	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	211.09
10/17/2023	ACH DR	NEC Cloud Communications	Administrative Expenses-Telephone	537.16
			Total	89,993.16

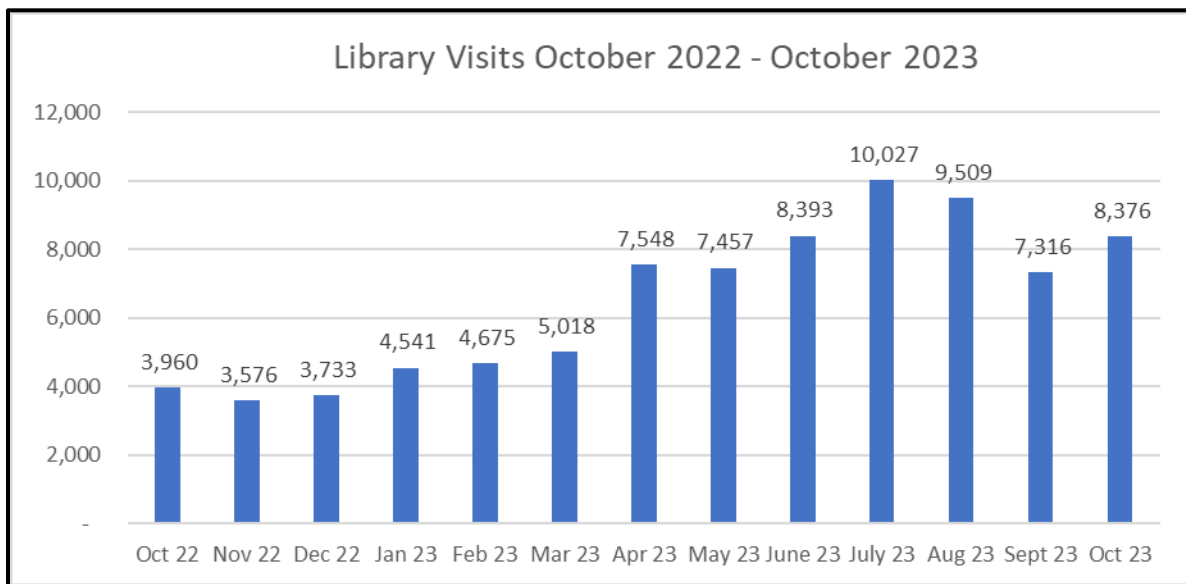


**Board of Trustees
November 13, 2023 Board Meeting
October 2023 Library Report to the Board of Trustees**

Select Statistics

During October there were 8,376 in-person visits to the Library, and thousands more patrons visited virtually and found answers through the Library’s website and electronic resources. There were 2,700 visitors to the Library’s website.

The following charts the visitors to the Library over the last year:

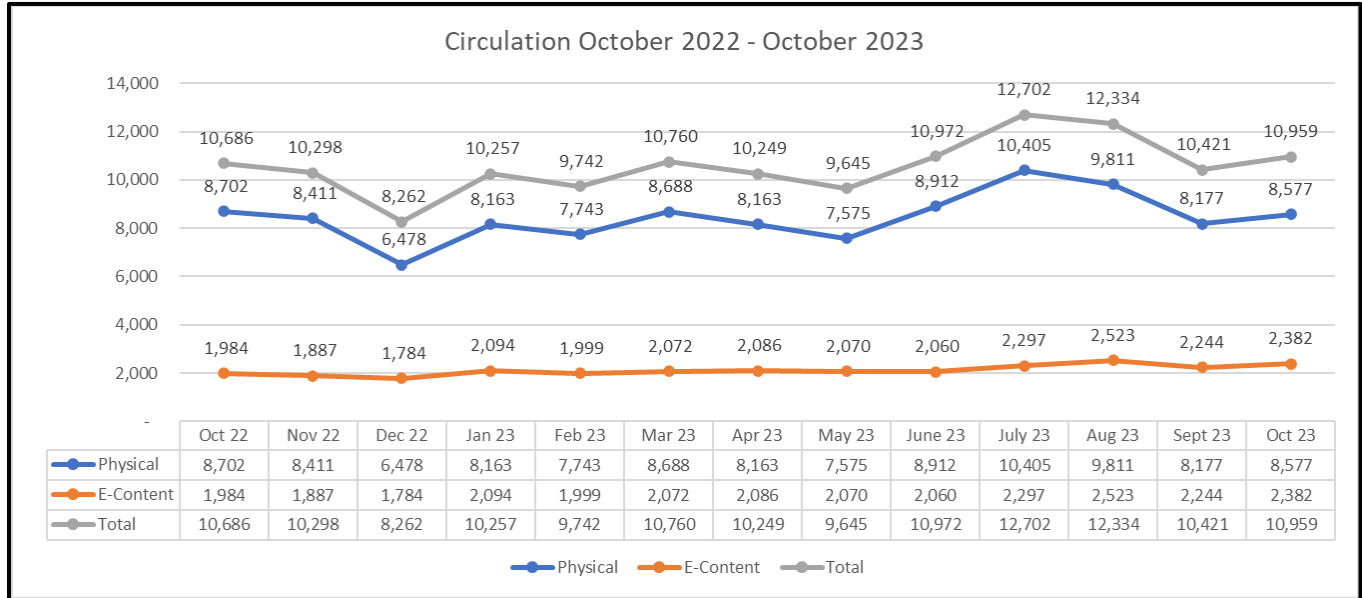


October 2023 saw a 112% over October 2022. Since the start of the calendar year 2023, there have been 72,860 visitors to the Library. On November 7, election day, there were 955 visitors to the Library, about 600 more than an average weekday.

The Library issued 113 new library cards, bringing the total number of cardholders to 7,558. The new cards are in part due to the classroom school visits.

Circulation

In October 2023, 10,959 items (8,577 physical and 2,382 digital) were checked out by Library users. Goshen cardholders borrowed 1,948 items from the other 46 RCLS consortium libraries. The Library lent 1,530 items to the other RCLS consortium libraries.



Video game use remains high, with 131 games checked out in October, with an average of 118 checks outs per month in 2023.

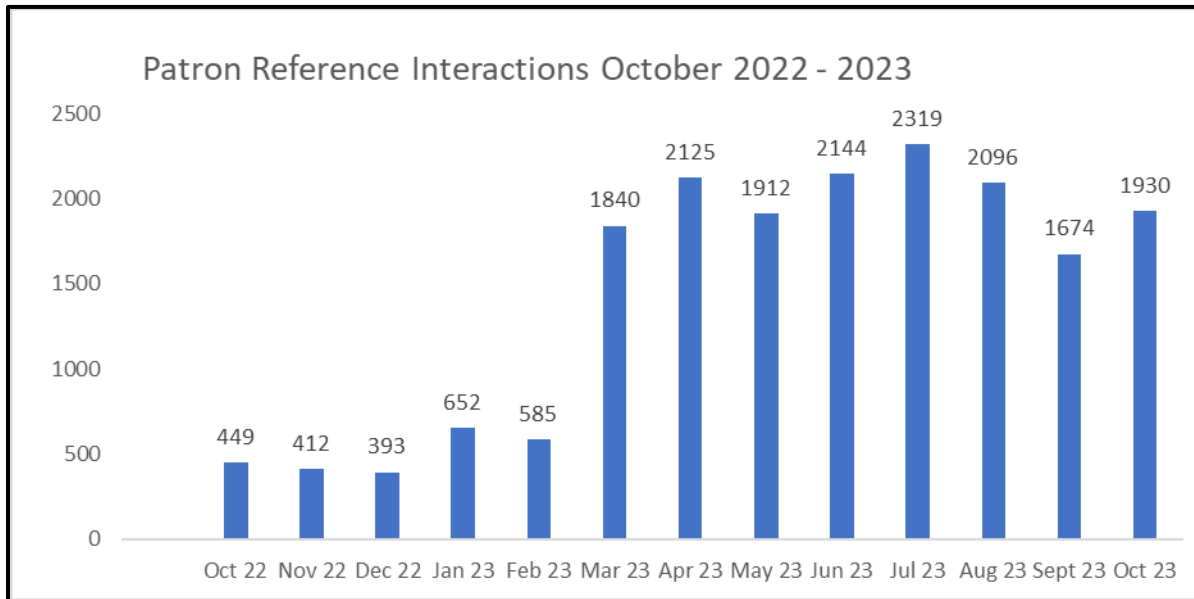
In October, 28 passes providing free or reduced access to ten different museums and attractions checked out. The average pass use is 14 per month in 2023. The Friends expanded support for the program, enabling the Library to add the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, NY Transit Museum, and the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. The program is explained to each new card holder. The funding for the museum pass program is generously provided by the Friends of Goshen Public Library & Historical Society. In 2023, 1,181 items from the Library’s growing Library of Things checked out.

Digital Resources

In addition to Hoopla and Overdrive (Libby), the Library provides access to 80 database resources on its website. These databases range from research to K-12 educational resources, to self-paced skills training and language learning, to support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. Tutor.com provides live homework help as well as college essay and writing sample review.

Reference/Information Patron Interactions

In October 2023, there were 1,930 patron reference, readers advisory, technology, and library resources and services questions (excludes directional questions). Questions are responded to via telephone, email, and in-person. Beginning March 2023, all departments began tracking and reporting patron interaction statistics.

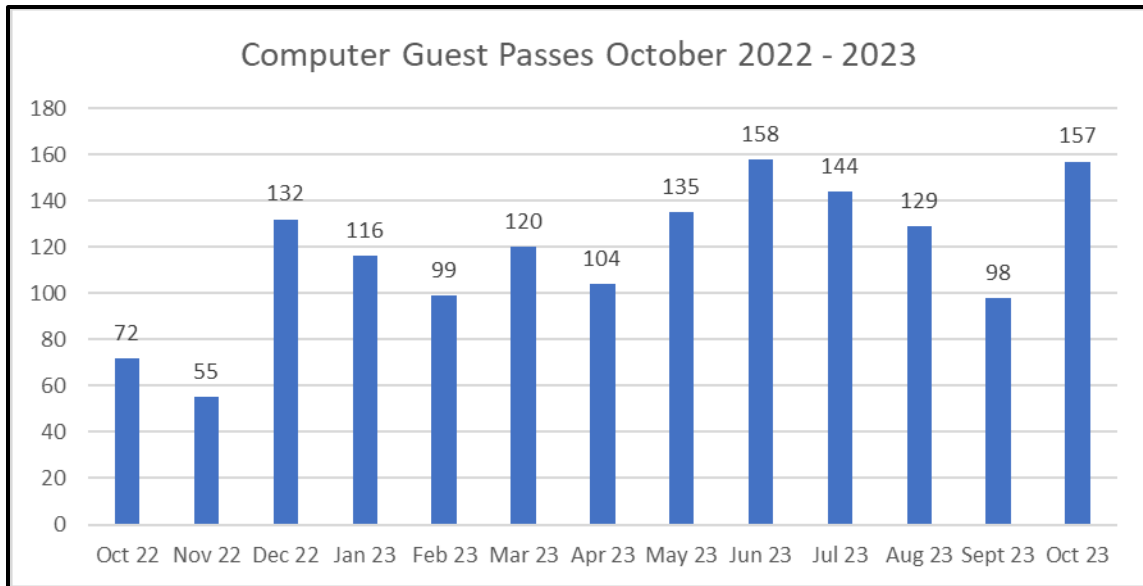


As previously reported, Ann Roche and Don Aitchison, Local History Room, assisted Michael Dolan, Radical Media, who is producing a WWI documentary for PBS. At this time, it is anticipated that the documentary will release in Spring 2024. When known, the Library will promote the news of the date and time of the airing.

Digital Access Services

The Library uses Envisionware and Sonic Wi-Fi counters to report on Patron Desktop and Wi-Fi Usage.

- In October 2023, there were 6,525 Wi-Fi sessions, or an average of 210 per day. The Library's Wi-Fi is broadcast to the parking lot and provides valuable internet access during the times the building is closed.
- In October 2023, there were 4,005 Patron Desktop sessions, an average of 154 per day. This includes computers in Adult, YA/Teen, and Just for Kids. To date in 2023, there have been 32,359 patron computer sessions, or on average 3,235 per month. There is no charge to use the computers and guest passes are available to individuals without library cards. In October, the Library issued 157 computer guest passes, bringing the total number issued in 2023 to 1,260.



Community Spaces

The Library’s community spaces are an important asset used by community groups, tutors, job seekers, entrepreneurs, remote workers, support services organizations, and civic and community non-profits. Sandra Delgado is managing room reservation duties and has also translated the reservation forms and guidelines into Spanish.

In October 2023, the Library’s study rooms were used 143 times and the two meeting rooms were used a total of 62 times by the community. The Pomares Community Room was used 7 times. These totals do not include Library program or meeting uses. The following shows the use during the 2023 calendar year.

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Study Rooms	154	143	183	184	184	142	166	166	124	143	1,589
Meeting Rooms	11	15	21	47	66	55	41	58	43	62	418
Community Room	7	12	15	9	9	5	6	6	9	7	85

Programs

In October the Library hosted/sponsored 85 Library programs that drew 1,250 participants. Another 100 patrons completed or participated in one of the three asynchronous DIY or participation projects. These programs included early childhood development and literacy programs, community health, theatre events, YA activities, book clubs, lectures, movement classes, and art, music, tech, and educational programs. Six teen volunteers provided 19 hours of time supporting programs. The department reports are attached for more detail.

Marketing and Public Relations

- In October, press releases were sent to *The Goshen Independent* and *The Chronicle* (serving Goshen and Chester). The first invited all to join or provide feedback about the Library's book clubs. The second was about the Ecumenical Food Pantry collaboration (see below).
- The Library's press release regarding the RCLS 2022 Program of the Year Award for "Baseball at the Orange County Driving Park: Celebrating the History of Baseball and Harness Racing in Goshen, NY" was printed by both *The Goshen Independent* and *The Chronicle*.
- All submitted Library press releases, even those not printed by the newspapers, are posted on the Library website on the [Press Release page](#) (see page bottom navigation panel).

Community Partnerships and Projects and Outreach

- On October 12, the Library Director met with representatives of the Council on Developmental Disabilities to discuss how the Library might interact in a more meaningful way with individuals with developmental disabilities.
- On October 24, the Library hosted the *Access to Justice Meet & Greet* for the 9th Judicial District Access to Justice Pro Bono Subcommittee, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Women's Bar Association of Orange & Sullivan Counties, and the Orange County Bar Association. It was a gathering of stakeholders involved in ensuring access to justice for homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Invited guests included Orange County court personnel, local librarians, law firms, and housing agencies. It was a nice opportunity to showcase the Library.
- On October 28, the Library held its first Volunteer Fair. Although we wished for higher attendance, Ruth Mallard, Head of Adult Services & Tech Services, produced a highly professional event. The participating organizations would like us to host the program again and our goal is to determine what time and place will best attract more visitors.
- On October 31, Meghan Boroden, Board President, Catherine Lemmer, Director, and Erica Gati, HR, met with members of the Board of the Ecumenical Food Pantry to discuss ways in which the Library can support the work of the Food Pantry. We are excited to announce that we are collaborating on a Holiday Treat Package challenge to provide 100 packages to the families served by the Food Pantry. A press release was sent to the newspapers and shared on social media. There is also a display in the foyer along with shopping lists. We have additional projects under discussion for January and February. As always, we continue to collect regular food pantry needs in the foyer.
- Students from Life Skills (GSCD High School) and BOCES Main Street Students are in the Library for 2 hours on Monday and Thursday mornings. These students are accompanied by carers/counselors and complete custodial tasks.

- The Library served as a polling place on Tuesday, November 7.
- On Saturday, December 2, the Library will once again participate in the Goshen Lights Tour. The Library will be a stop along the way. Children will have an opportunity to write a letter to Santa and choose an ornament. There will be hot chocolate, take-away kits, and movies for all to enjoy.

Personnel Matters

- Open positions. The Library has canvassed eligible candidates from the Civil Service Librarian Assistant list and is waiting to hear back indications of interest from eligible candidates for this part-time role in Youth Services. In addition, the Library has asked Civil Service for the Librarian list to fill an open position in Adult Services.
- The Library has been informed that there are no candidates on the list for the tech position we want to fill. This position will be posted; and any hire either done provisionally or as a contract position.
- The Library is interviewing candidates for the open communications/marketing position. Upon counsel from RCLS, the Library posted the position as a part-time contract position. The opening was posted on Linked-In and via RCLS email lists and generated a good list of candidates.
- An All-Staff Meeting was held on Friday, October 27, to discuss and prepare staff in the event a First Amendment audit occurs. An alternative session was held on Wednesday, October 25, for those who were unable to attend the October 27 session.
- An informational All-Staff email is sent weekly and there is a weekly Department Head meeting.
- Four employees took advantage of the all staff invitation to view the security camera system.
- PIC (Person In Charge) training will start after Thanksgiving. This training will help prepare the staff to respond to a myriad of situations in the building.
- Michelle Muller, Head of Youth Services & AD, Karen Golding, Head of YA, Ruth Mallard, Head of Adult Services & Tech Services, and Melissa Tidd, Adult Services Librarian, attended the 2023 New York Library Conference & Trade Show (November 3-5).
- A Department Holiday Decorating Contest and Ugly Sweater/Outfit Contest are planned in December for the staff. The annual holiday party will be in January 2024.

General Operations

- After review and testing, the Library will be replacing its current DEMCO calendar which is scheduled to sunset at the end of the year with LibCal. Michelle Muller, Head of Youth Services & AD, led this important initiative.
- A new email account was created for the business office to facilitate the effective management of e-invoices (businessoffice@goshenpubliclibrary.org). We are now

working to move all billing from individual email accounts to this centralized email account.

- RCLS is in the final stages of negotiations with ByWater Solutions for the implementation of the migration to KOHA, the new ILS. Over the course of the next months, the Library will take steps to clean up its patron and materials database. An inventory of materials will be undertaken as part of this process.

Building and Facilities Matters

2018-19 Grant

- On October 20, 2023, NYSEG, RG&E, and the Library signed the standard terms relating to the operation of the backup generator (see attached). Fanshawe reviewed the agreement and found it all in order and advised the Library to sign it. On November 7, 2023, NYSEG extended the line to the generator; it was short because NYSEG was unaware of the specific location of the pad when the line was in. We are now awaiting NYSEG to schedule the necessary phase 3 work to connect the generator; which is the installation/connection of the regulator/meter. The project looks to be completed by mid-November. The conclusion of the generator and security system projects will enable the library to request the final \$8,600 reimbursement disbursement under a grant that was awarded in 2019-2020.

Correspondence and reports

- Correspondence
- Adult Services Department October 2023 Report
- Local History Room October 2023 Report
- Young Adult (YA) Department October 2023 Report
- Youth Services Department October 2023 Report



October 20, 2023

Goshen Public Library & Historical Society
366 Main Street
Goshen, NY 10924

SUBJECT: On-Site Backup Generation Facility
Agreement for Proposed Operation of
Goshen Public Library & Historical Society

Dear Ms. Lemmer:

Please indicate by the appropriate signature below, Catherine Lemmer agrees with New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") as to the following terms and conditions relating to the operation of Goshen Public Library's backup generation facility, whose capacity shall not exceed 150 kW, (the "Facility") located at 366 Main Street in Goshen, New York:

1. Goshen Public Library confirms that it has not proposed to NYSEG that the Facility operate in parallel with the NYSEG system. Goshen Public Library acknowledges and understands that NYSEG has not examined or approved the proposed installation of the Facility so as to permit parallel operation with the NYSEG system;
2. Goshen Public Library covenants that it will not operate the Facility in parallel with the NYSEG system, but rather will operate the Facility isolated from the NYSEG system through the installation of a UL approved transfer switch (the "Switch") located between NYSEG's metering location and Goshen Public Library's load ("Customer's Load") and generation equipment;
3. Goshen Public Library represents and warrants that the operation of the Switch is mechanically interlocked to compel (a) the opening of the Switch connecting Customer's Load to the Facility prior to the closing of the Switch permitting Goshen Public Library to receive supplemental, maintenance, and/or back-up service from NYSEG as provided herein, and (b) the opening of the Switch permitting Goshen Public Library to receive supplemental, maintenance, and/or back-up service from NYSEG as provided herein prior to the closing of the Switch connecting Customer's Load to the Facility;
4. Goshen Public Library covenants that, as a condition to the operation of the Facility, Goshen Public Library will comply with the requirements of (a) Section XIII of NYSEG's "Requirements for the Installation of Electric Services & Meters," dated September 8, 2003 (attached hereto), as amended or superseded, and (b) the applicable NYSEG service classification tariff;

18 Link Drive, Binghamton, NY 13902

Internal Use





5. For purposes of this letter agreement, the Facility shall be required not to be operating in parallel with the NYSEG system. The Facility shall not be electrically connected with NYSEG's system such that the Facility and the NYSEG system are not simultaneously supplying the same load;
6. Goshen Public Library shall indemnify, defend, and hold NYSEG harmless from and against any and all liabilities, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees), actions, claims, proceedings, judgments and damages resulting from any act or omission of Goshen Public Library under this letter agreement;
7. When fully executed by NYSEG and Goshen Public Library, this letter agreement shall be deemed effective as of October 20, 2023, and shall remain in effect, subject to prior termination, until such time as the Facility is no longer in service. NYSEG may terminate this letter agreement upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to Goshen Public Library; and
8. This letter agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York, except its conflicts of law provisions.

Sincerely,

Jason Raimo/Charles Schaffer
Managers, Electric Transmission Services
IPP Interconnections

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED:

Goshen Public Library

Signed:

Name:

Catherine A. Lennon

Title:

Director, Goshen Public Library

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October 20, 2023

Mr. Matthew Bennett
Hudson Valley Ghostbusters, Inc.
17 Ridgeview Terrace
Goshen, NY 10924

Dear Ghostbusters!

Thank you for your generous gift of \$140 to the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society. We enjoyed working with you and greatly appreciate your participation in the Library's first GoCon. It was great fun watching you interact with fans and your slime has received rave reviews! We hope to see you again next year.

Your gift helps ensure that the Library continues to be a vibrant and innovative community resource and is greatly appreciated by the Library Board, staff, and our community. Thank you again.

Regards,

Catherine A. Lemmer, Director

cc: Board of Trustees, Goshen Public Library & Historical Society

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October 24, 2023

Margaret A. McKanna
N5825 County Road K
Menomonie, WI 54751

Dear Margaret,

Thank you for your generous gift to the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society in memory of Joanne Catherine Kehoe. We learned that your recommendation, *The Complete Vegetarian Cookbook* by America's Test Kitchen, will not be updated and available until July 2024. Rather than delay, we chose the cookbooks, *Love & Lemons Simple Feel Good Food: 125 Plant-focused Meals to Enjoy Now or Make Ahead* by Jeanine Donofrio, and *Big Heart Little Stove: Bringing Home Meals & Moments from the Lost Kitchen* by Erin French.

The cookbooks will be processed with an inside book plate reflecting the gift is in memory of Joanne. Our patrons will enjoy and find inspiration from these books for many years to come. An acknowledgement of the gift has been sent to her family.

Your gift helps ensure that the Library continues to be a vibrant and innovative community resource and is greatly appreciated by the Library Board, staff, and our community. Thank you again and our sympathies on your loss.

Regards,

Catherine A. Lemmer, Director

cc: Board of Trustees, Goshen Public Library & Historical Society

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October 24, 2023

Mr. John F. Kehoe
8929 Kenilworth Drive
Burke, VA 22015-2173

Dear Mr. Kehoe,

A gift was made in memory of Joanne Catherine Kehoe by Margaret McKanna to the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society to add to our cookbook collection. The cookbooks, *Love & Lemons Simple Feel Good Food: 125 Plant-focused Meals to Enjoy Now or Make Ahead* by Jeanine Donofrio, and *Big Heart Little Stove: Bringing Home Meals & Moments from the Lost Kitchen* by Erin French, will be added to our collection.

The books will be processed with an inside book plate reflecting the gift was made in memory of Joanne Catherine Kehoe. Our patrons will enjoy and find inspiration from these books for many years to come.

Our sympathies on your loss.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine A. Lemmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Catherine A. Lemmer, Director

cc: Board of Trustees, Goshen Public Library & Historical Society

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Adult Services Monthly Report

October 2023

Programs

Highlighted Programs

Over 400 patrons attended 26 programs this October. Patrons watched two theatrical performances, a staged reading of Hamlet II (Better Than the Original) presented by long-time partner Cornerstone Theatre Arts, and a one-man show about the life of Albert Einstein. A big hit was our lecture on the Salem Witch Trials presented by Shannon Fisher. The patrons were very enthusiastic about Shannon's knowledge, and we will be sure to have her back again. We also held our first Volunteer Fair as our part of the Great Give Back with over twenty non-profits joining. While the turnout could have been better for those looking to volunteer somewhere, the organizations had a great time meeting each other and making connections that way.

10/6/2023	GPL Cookbook Club	12
10/7/2023	GPL Saturday Book Club	9
10/7/2023	Hamlet II (better than the original)	40
10/10/2023	Technology Class - Privacy: IOS Devices	5
10/12/2023	Healthy Living for Your Brain	11
10/14/2023	Friends Lecture Series: Henry Lawrence Burnett: Prosecuting the Lincoln Conspirators	34
10/14/2023	"E=Me2: The Life and Times of Albert Einstein"	50
10/18/2023	Crochet Jewelry	3
10/23/2023	GPL Mystery Book Club	9
10/24/2023	Technology Class - Privacy: Cookies, Location, and Settings	9
10/25/2023	Real History of the Salem Witchcraft Trials	48
10/26/2023	Needle Felting Owls	13
10/28/2023	Volunteer Fair	83

Looking Ahead

Our technology classes continue with learning all about fitness trackers and watches and streaming sticks this November. These sessions do not require patrons to bring their device, as patrons are encouraged to come and learn all about streaming stick or fitness tracker options.

On November 14, we will be hosting a Medicare 101 session in the morning for anyone who would like to understand more about the available options when eligible for Medicare. The fall session of the BYO(book) Club will be November 30. Come rave or (rant) about what you've been reading this fall and add to your TBR list.

The second Staged Reading presented by Cornerstone Theatre Arts is scheduled for December.

Submitted,

Ruth Mallard

STATISTICS – LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

OCTOBER, 2023

Visitors - 18

Telephone - 16

Emails - 4

Obituaries and Past Perfect ongoing.

Books donated so the room had to be rearranged.

Many people came in from different states. (Vermont, Minnesota, Utah, Connecticut, Iowa

And of course New York. Locals came in wanting information on their homes, churches and businesses.

Family histories included Gillette, Higby, Jackson, Allen.

Original Indian deeds.

We gave a tour of the room to a group.

A photograph of Arcadia Farms between Goshen and Chester) before it became a housing development.

The room was open after the Friends lecture about Henry Burnett and Lincoln.

Submitted by

Ann Roche

YA Programming Report October 2023

Fall programming was in full swing this month, we offered a total of 13 programs which were attended by 83 people. Our programs included some that were just for fun and others that were more educational in nature. Our popular chess club continues to attract a dedicated group of players who welcome the chance to relax and challenge each other weekly to a game or two of chess. The new tables in the lobby set up for games like chess and checkers were also welcomed by our players who can now stop in anytime for a quick game. Another new educational program we began this month is our new Girls Who Code program for kids in grades 6-12. While our current group is small they are very interested in learning more about coding and have been faithfully attending each session we've offered. On the more fun side of things we had a showing of the movie, Addams Family 2 for a fun Friday break and had a drop in Virtual Reality program to try out our VR Headset. We also held another Teen Taste Test afternoon during which we tasted different flavors of Pringles, Cheez-It Crackers, Starburst Candy, freeze dried fruit and an unusual assortment of fall festival flavored candy corn. Everyone agreed that the fall flavored candy corn was a miss and the makers should just stick to the regular flavor. The freeze dried fruit was a hit and our attendees were easily able to identify the flavors of the Pringles and Cheez it Crackers. Everyone is looking forward to our final taste test challenge in November.

I attended the Fall Into Books Conference this month and presented a discussion on Graphic Novel Trends with Michelle Muller. We moderated 2 discussion groups that focused on the recent trend of remaking fiction books in graphic novels. Our discussion focused on whether this practice has been successful and why more and more publishers are rereleasing books in this new format. Both groups engaged in lively debates and shared a variety of opinions on the topic. We were also able to attend a talk with Sharon Fox about her work with Project Look Sharp, a program that promotes the importance of media literacy and examines how to help children be more media literate. Fall Into Books was an excellent opportunity to network with other library professionals and learn more about current book and literacy trends.

Youth Services Monthly Report
October 2023

We fell right into Fall this month with great recurring programs. We also have been busy getting the first graders their library cards (134 cards distributed). It is so much fun to see them use their cards for the first time! We have been also displaying the art produced through a summer art program at the Goshen Secure Center. It is a great partnership and the candy themed art fits well with Halloween. We also had Halloween fun with our Spiderman and Venom candy delivery system tying back into GoCon. We have been a respite on all these rainy days and have answered 431 reference questions and 246 programming questions and 45 directional questions.

Program Attendance:

Build! Test! Create! Mondays 4 sessions

10/02 8 attendees
10/09 9 attendees
10/16 8 attendees
10/23 8 attendees

Wee Read: Mondays at 10 am

10/02 10 attendees
10/09 04 attendees
10/16 10 attendees
10/23 10 attendees
10/30 10 attendees

Circletime: Mondays at 12pm

10/02 6 attendees
10/09 2 attendees
10/16 5 attendees
10/23 8 attendees
10/30 4 attendees

Toddletime: Tuesdays at 10am or Wednesdays at 10am

10/03 & 10/04: 41 attendees
10/10 & 10/11: 31 attendees
10/17 & 10/20: 31 attendees
10/24 & 10/25: 32 attendees

Tuesday Night: Books By the Slice: Tuesdays at 5pm (156 books read)

10/03: 14 attendees
10/10: 10 attendees
10/17: 7 attendees
10/24: 12 attendees
10/31: 10 attendees

Preschool Playdate: Thursdays at 10:30am

10/06: 8 attendees

10/13: 8 attendees
10/20: 8 attendees
10/27: 12 attendees

Girls Who Code Thursdays at 5pm

10/05 5 attendees
10/19 5 attendees

Love My Library Storytime: Fridays at 11am

10/06 24 attendees
10/13 22 attendees
10/20 26 attendees
10/27 30 attendees

Specials:

Be a Book Reporter Challenge: 10 registered with 35 reports turned in
Harry Potter Book Day Celebration: October 12th: 26 attendees
Harry Potter Magical Journey Reading Challenge: 52 registered
Girls Scout Troop visit: October 16th: 15 Daisy's plus parents
Read with Scout: October 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th: 4 Scouts working toward Reading Badge
Squish or Treat: Oct26th: 21 attendees
Acorn Scavenger Hunt: 32 participants over the month
How to Catch a ... Witch: October 30th: 11 attendees
Halloween Trick or Treat: 62 treats handed out over 3 days.

Take and Makes

Program Extras each week plus worksheets

Conferences Attended:

Fall into Books: October 26th at the Newburgh Armory. Sponsored by RCLS.

This annual conference brings together school and public librarians from eight counties within the Hudson Valley for a day of literacy, discussion, networking, and insight. Karen Golding and I were presenters this year. Our session entitled "Going Graphic! The move from traditional to graphic novel format in fiction series" rewarded us with very lively and engaging conversations around the graphic novel and its impact on our patrons and students. Discussions included the success or lack thereof when moving from the traditional format to a graphic novel format and why that might be so.

Lynn Banghart also attended as a participant. She participated in "STREAMS: Stories To Read, Enjoy And Make Something!" and "An Eye on Non-Fiction". She reported that both of these sessions were well run by the presenters and offered valuable discussion on the books covered.

Future Plans and Ideas:

As we head into the holiday season, we have several fun programs planned to see us through 2023. We have the third in our Squishmallow trio of programs, a Squishy Friendsgiving. We also will be having our annual Hot Cocoa Day Party in December as well as our Winter Bingo Challenge for families. As we look ahead, our winter theme is going to be Inside, Outside...Upside Down! We will be having several

programs that celebrate what you can do in the winter months inside or outside and maybe just a little wackiness to start off 2024.

As always, Summer Reading always feels like it is just around the corner no matter how cold it is outside. We received the 2024 theme which is “Adventure Begins at Your Library”. The children’s staff is very excited and ideas are already forming! We will begin to purchase materials by the December 1st deadline to ensure we have the licensed materials from CSLP.

Michelle Muller, Head of Youth Services