LAKE PLEASANT PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPACT REPORT

and

LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY

2023 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

8,807 Visitors

7,184 Library items borrowed

110 Library sponsored programs offered

2,856 Total attendance at library programs*

+15% * Increase in Program Attendance from 2022

2023 GROWTH IMPACT SNAPSHOT

4,091 Times our wifi was accessed

1,456 eBooks downloaded

1,360 Cardholders

18% Increase in Holdings

2% Increase in Circulation

24% Increase in eBook Circulation

2023 Initiatives

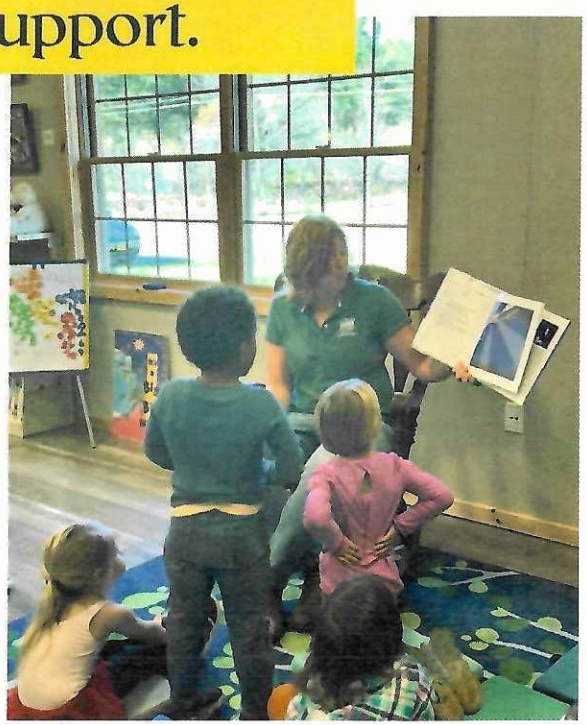
PROJECTS	DETAILS	OUTCOME
Implement summer reading program for children	We created and offered a Summer Reading BINGO Challenge for July & August, to children ages 0-12	• Had over 20 local & visitor children/families participate • Led to a regular, weekly Story Time in the fall
Offer engaging programs & activities for both residents & visitors	Over 300 individuals attended our Garrow program in July. We had a record number of visitors come to the library for the Holiday Stroll	• We've had multiple inquires from local authors looking to partner with us for programs and activities for all ages
Strengthen community connections	Light up the Library was created as a fundraiser and opportunity to shed light on all the programs and services the library offers, in order to keep individuals connected and engaged over the winter months	• We raised over $600 for improvements to our children's room • We collaborated with the art classes at LPCS and Wells to display student art • Patrons visited to see the remembrance candles placed in our windows



2023 Grants Awarded

We were awarded two grants this year. One was the State Aid for Library Construction, which we will use to build a wheelchair accessible walkway from the front parking lot to the back parking area. The second was the SCR grant from Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. This grant allowed us to bring in local speakers, authors, and presenters to offer summer programming on Adirondack themed material for our community.

We couldn't have done it without your generous support.



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Dear Community Members,

I've come to think of libraries like icebergs; there's more happening underneath the surface than meets the eye.

Take our library for example. We have a beautiful building, with careful landscaping, big windows, and warm, inviting, employees. Once you're inside, of course you can do all the things libraries are typically known for: browse books, check them out, rent videos and dvds, use a computer, and get help finding what you're looking for. But now, in 2024, and especially in a rural library in 2024, visiting the library is about much more than just books and dvds.

People visit our library as a study space, to work on resumes and apply for jobs. Our Adirondack section of books, as well as our partnership with the Speculator Lake Pleasant Historical Society, allow both residents, and visitors to learn about local history. Young patrons attend story times, classes, and activities, where they not only strengthen early literacy skills, but gain social skills, too. Parents of these children create new connections with other parents, and find community. Similarly, our retired patrons share laughs, and stories when they gather together at the library. We're a spot to stay cool in the summer, and warm in the winter. Our wi-fi is always on, and the building is accessible to individuals of all ages and abilities.



Our library is a vital hub of learning, sharing, and connecting in our community. Living in a remote area, we all know the importance of connectivity; the library provides that for us, and continues to look towards improving that connectivity in ways that support, and benefit our community members. The numbers in this report show that our work is important, and essential. With your continued support, we look forward to increasing our impact, and providing important services to you now, and in the future!

Katrena Cohea
Director