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Our Library is Back on Track

So much can happen in two years. Think back to March 11, 2020, when the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. As the world stares down year three of a crisis that has affected so many lives, our library is back on track.

The Lake Placid Public Library Board and Staff are delighted with the revival of many programs. Book Club groups are meeting, tutoring in math is happening, children's in-person programming is flourishing, and literacy volunteers are working with clients.

Although the revitalization of Main Street continues and navigating a path to the library can prove a little bumpy, the people-counter located at the front door shows numbers that have not been seen since pre-COVID. If you haven't visited the library recently, do come by. Inviting benches and large flowerpots rest on the handsome granite sidewalks that stretch in both directions. A newly installed ramp offers easier access.

Yes, our valued library is back on track and even stronger than before.

This past year the LPPL has been collaborating with The Northern NY Library Network (NNYLN) and The Rochester Regional Library Council to develop an open source-digital asset management system for museums and libraries. The system, built on the open-source Archipelago platform, will allow museums and libraries to store and manage digital assets and related metadata for greater discovery and access. This project will encourage partnerships between libraries and museums. The LPPL hired Edward Day to archive the Mary Mackenzie Collection, which encompasses more than forty years of her research into the history of North Elba, as well as additional information accumulated by Beverly Reid, Mary's successor as Town/Village Historian. After Ed left the project, Erin Johnson, our computer spe-

cialist, and Carol Pinney, long time LPPL volunteer, have continued to digitize the collection.

When complete, this project will provide greater access to all kinds of historical items. Funding was provided by our collaborators, an Education-Technology 2021 grant from the Lake Placid Education Foundation and federal ARPA monies allocated to NYS Libraries by IMLS.

In addition to being grateful for their support, we appreciate funding this past year from The McCutchen Foundation, The Armstrong Foundation, The Uihlein Foundation, and The Lake Placid Education Foundation Technology and Education Grant. A grant from The Essex County LEAF program and donations from our patrons and friends have been important to our efforts to better serve our community while maintaining and enhancing our physical setting. It is similarly encouraging to have Assemblyman Billy Jones (pictured here with Director Bambi Pedu) promising his continued support of libraries and the arts. As always, your feedback and suggestions are welcome.





From Ms. Linda's desk...

On Saturday, August 20th, I attended The Adirondack Family Book Fest. Wow!! This well planned event was an incredible gift to all who were lucky to attend. Those attending ranged in age from infants in the arms of parents to people of all ages which included people of my age and older. (I am 83 years old.) I am in awe of the dedicated volunteers that worked so hard to make the book festival

such a success. The day was filled with events and activities. There were even craft tables that were very popular. Young children loved the opportunity to make something special to take home.

What did I personally like?? I absolutely loved the chance to meet many of the authors that took part in this fantastic day. I work at the Lake Placid Public Library. Thanks to the suggestions from our children's librarian, Karen Armstrong, I had read a number of books by authors that I got to meet on Saturday. That was a special treat for me.

I equally enjoyed listening to the participating authors and illustrators speak to the assembled crowd about their personal stories related to the books they had written and/or illustrated. What an amazing group of talented individuals that, I believe, contribute to making this a better world.

I am determined to read many more books by these authors and other juvenile fiction and non-fiction authors before next year's Adirondack Family Book Festival. The world of children's literature can bring a delightful reading experience regardless of the age of the reader.

My hope is that this is only the first year of the Adirondack Family Book Festival and it will become an annual event. My reasons? It is an event that celebrates the talents of authors; it is an event that gives area youths the opportunity to not only be involved in the pre-planning of this family book festival, but to actually be a part of the presentations. It is an event that celebrates, through juvenile literature, diversity, creativity, and critical thinking. It is an event that brings people together from all walks of life to join in an appreciation of the books that enrich the lives of their readers.

And, what better place to hold this annual event than the John Brown Farm State Historic Site surrounded by the beauty of the mountains?



Sincerely,
Linda Blair

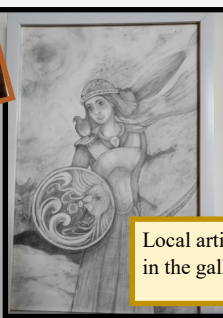


From the children's rooms...

How do you share the joy of children's literature with families from near and far? Try Miss Linda's Storytime, Story-Walks®, Homeschool Thursdays, and so many other programs at the library and around town! It was a special honor for the library to participate in the first annual Adirondack Family Book Festival, a true community collaboration, that brought children and families face-to-face with acclaimed authors and illustrators. We are especially grateful to the student volunteers who worked so hard to make this day a success, including Norah Galvin, Jim Guglielmi, Olivia Mair, Abby Light, Parker Scanio, Adalyne Perryman, Benjamin Giroux, and Prasi-dha Padmanabhan. Other highlights of this year were our dinosaur-themed dance party at Lake Placid Community Day, a song-writing workshop with the amazing RiverJack-Z, a live-animal program with the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, a Lakes and Lighthouses exploration with the Lake Champlain Basin Program, a birding program with Nature Nate from the Adirondack Mountain Club, a Giving Thanks Storytime with Emily Kasennisaks Cecilia Stacey of the Mohawk Tribe of the Six Nations, and the incredible donation of original artwork by Judy Scammell, adding a delightful touch to our children's rooms. Thank you to all our community partners for supporting our family programming, including Trish Friedlander, Tim Seymour, Clara Boutelle, Kaitlin Patenaude, Martha Swan, The Bookstore Plus, St. Eustace Church, the John Brown Farm State Historic Site, Stewart's Shops, the UPS Store, The Rotary Club of Lake Placid, and the Clinton Essex Franklin Library System.



From the computer room & art gallery...



Local artist Victoria Blair shares her art work in the gallery.



Erin, our tech wizard, is also an artist. Here she displays some of her work in the gallery.

What a Great Year at the Library !



A VISIT FROM THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS



HOME SCHOOL



StoryWalks



COMMUNITY DAY



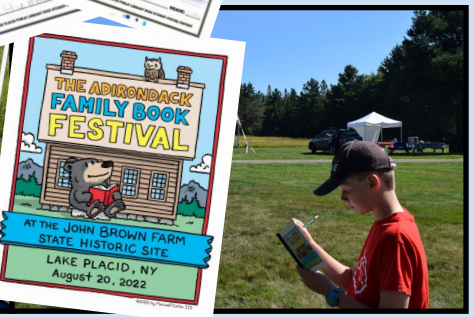
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They'll be here!!

AARP TAX GUIDE

AARP volunteer workers prepared and filed income tax return for numerous people last year. This is a free program open to all and much appreciated.

The AARP group sets up shop in the library in late January. Anyone wishing to use this service should call the library at 518.523.3200. Appointment slots fill quickly; the program ends in mid-March.

