



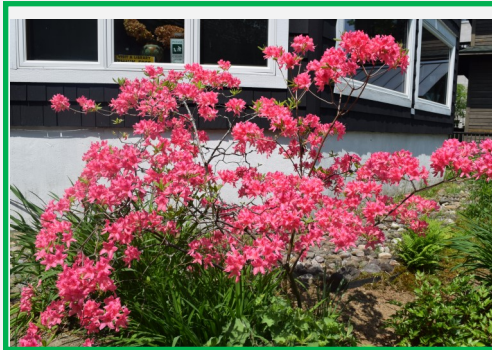
FALL/WINTER

# Turning 140 in 2024

2023/2024

A humble beginning:

One hundred and forty years ago a number of Lake Placid people believed it was time for their growing community to have its own library. Someone who remains anonymous posted a public notice on December 29, 1883, announcing a meeting for all citizens interested in establishing a reading room. The meeting would be held in the Adirondack Baptist Church on January 15, 1884. Even though the library did not open its doors until July of 1886, the Library Association of North Elba was formed that very night in 1884. A constitution with eight articles was approved, four officers were elected, three trustees were appointed, and a decision was made to file a Certificate of Incorporation.



A time traveller visiting the The Lake Placid Public Library today would be very surprised. Our 21st century library has evolved far, far beyond its origins as a book repository to become a vital community hub. A look back at the history of public libraries shows how much has changed; a look forward anticipates much more change and innovation.

Our mission statement declares that the Library will “be a focal point of our community which will provide educational, informational, cultural, and recreational materials for all.” Many families who homeschool regularly utilize the diverse resources and programs offered through the Library where interactions with other children and families enhance the experience. Summer

programming for families, SAT prep classes and free math tutoring are now library staples.

Children have been enjoying a weekly storytime with Ms. Linda Blair for more than 35 years, and her delightful way of relating a story brings smiles and excitement to their faces.

Adult programming continues to evolve with new additions such as watercolor workshops, genealogy assistance, and a Pop Art class.

Local artist receptions and specialized book displays continue to be popular features along with free tax preparation, book club meetings, and literacy classes. One current objective is to develop new programs that are both distinctive and useful for our community.

To celebrate our 140th year, a booklet is being planned which will highlight the amazing journey of the Lake Placid Public Library: 1884-2024. This historical sketch will include information and memories with an emphasis on the people past and present whose forethought, dedication and efforts birthed and have sustained this institution.

As always, we are grateful this past year for special funding from The McCutchen Foundation, The Armstrong Foundation, The Uihlein Foundation, The Lake Placid Education Foundation’s Technology and Education Grant, and The Can/Am Association. As has been evident since LPPL’s inception, the support and patronage of its citizenry, visitors, and staff have been the bedrock of this special institution.



### From Ms. Linda's desk...

The Calder cousins have been coming to the Library every summer since they were school age.

Now they are young adults but they continue the tradition of helping to make our book-count jump dramatically while they are here.

Awhile ago I asked if they would please write their thoughts about the library which I could post. This was their response.... I am so grateful that they did this for us.

*As soon as we arrive in Lake Placid - our fervently anticipated family vacation each summer - pile out of various cars, and lug endless suitcases and backpacks to our home for the next two weeks, one of the first questions that arises is when will we make the crucial trip to the library. The Lake Placid Public Library is as much a piece of the magic of Lake Placid as anything else; we carry memories of sitting in the sun - or shivering in the rain - with a good book, warmed by one of infinite captivating stories, trading favorite picks, and sharing highlights with us throughout the year. The tradition of it is as incredible as the experience itself, and no matter how old we get, the library continues to prove that nothing can color the wonder of reading. Over the years we've combed through the shelves countless times. Some books become repeat visitors to the camp; we find and treasure them each summer, the check-out stamps on the inside cover reflecting a long list of Augusts dating back many years. And yet there is always more to discover, more characters to befriend, and the excitement of seeing the familiar faces of the wonderful staff as well.*



### From the children's room...

Our children's programming is anchored by Miss Linda's joyful storytime EVERY Friday, even when she's supposedly on vacation! This year included additional events for the FISU Games as we welcomed the Mac Pac Camp, learning through books and games. Homeschool Thursdays continued, exploring a variety of topics from castles and game design to poetry and a celebration of Black History Month. We were thrilled to welcome the Lake Placid Volunteer Ambulance Service for a special presentation and a tour of the ambulance (with a demonstration of the lights and siren!). In addition, we welcomed staff from the Adirondack Mountain Club and scientists from Paul Smith's College to explore topics related to our Adirondack environment. We often take our library show on the road, routinely visiting Head Start, organizing the children's portion of Lake Placid Community Day, visiting the LPES Summer Program, helping the Rotary Club with the children's events at the Dam Duck Race, and participating in Arbor Day and school open houses. Our summer schedule included visits from a pop artist, AdkAction and their Library Buzz Program, live animals from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, and musician River Jack Z. We also co-hosted a program at the John Brown Farm State Historic Site with staff from the Lake Champlain Basin Program and Paul Smith's College, exploring soundscapes and the creatures that make their home at the JBF pond. We installed many StoryWalks®, helping spread the joy of reading while walking down Main



Street or hiking a path at the John Brown Farm State Historic Site and around Heart Lake, or even skiing at the new Cascade Welcome Center. We continued our collaboration with the Adirondack Family Book Festival helping bring distinguished authors and illustrators to Lake Placid for a celebration of children's and YA literature. And, after much clamoring from our young patrons, we hosted a Stuffie Love event, helping children create handmade blankets for their beloved dolls and stuffed animals. We're already planning another joyful year of children's programs for 2024, so stay tuned!

### Adult events



# "Our year in Pictures"...



Ms. Linda Storytime



Homeschool Family learning



1000 BOOKS !

Kate, our critter whisperer



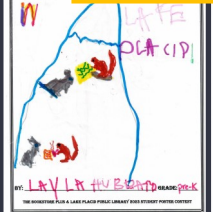
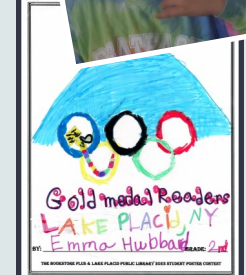
Stuffie Love



Pop Artists



Contest winners



Our very own Author



Story Walks





Great fun, great people

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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.