



Fall/Winter

From the Reading Porch

2024/2025

One hundred and forty years ago, our community's vision for a library began to take shape. On January 15th, 1884, the Library Association of North Elba was officially founded, marking the humble beginnings of what would eventually become our cherished library. As we set our sights on the future, it's crucial to honor and reflect on this significant milestone.

Libraries worldwide have evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of their communities. LPPL works to keep pace with everchanging resources and technology. Situated in the heart of the village, LPPL functions as a welcome gateway to an array of available resources and services

Last April, our tranquil town of Lake Placid was in the path of a celestial spectacle as the moon gracefully traversed the sun, veiling the landscape in an awe-inspiring cloak of darkness. This rare phenomenon drew crowds of intrigued visitors to the area, all eager to witness this captivating event firsthand. The Library's garden area was an ideal location for individuals to witness the total eclipse.

At the Library's front desk is a ledger filled with heartfelt comments from visitors hailing from every corner of the globe. Each entry captures a diverse experience or impression of those who have walked through the doors:

From Charlottesville, VA... "The most beautiful library in the U.S.A.."

From Western Australia... "Nice treat for a quiet read, what a beautiful building."

From Camp Treetops... "Such a beautiful library. The music

box made our day. Thank you, Bambi, for playing a song for us."

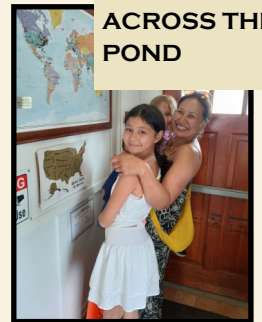
From Escondido, CA... "Awesome, I am so at home here in this library."

From Ottawa, Canada ... "Love it here! Thanks for the respite."

From Brighton, England... "A beautiful library and helpful staff. Thank you."

From Jerusalem, Israel... "The highlight of our visit to Lake Placid! Everyone was so helpful; we could have stayed all day."

From Costa Rica... "This place is beautiful, and I take the beauty with me."



VISITORS FROM ACROSS THE POND



ECLIPSE



Remembering a Library friend...

On February 27 of this year, we mourned the passing of a distinguished supporter of the LPPL. Beverley Pratt Reid passed away surrounded by her devoted family. Beverley was an active participant in numerous organizations, contributing her time to volunteer, work, and serve on various boards, including the Lake Placid Public Library Board, where she held the esteemed positions of member since 1995 and President of the Board for 12 years. Retiring from the library board in 2015, she still found time to visit the library as she continued as the Town Historian until 2021.

Thank you for your service, Beverley.



Literacy Volunteers has been a part of the programming at LPPL for many years. It is vital for many young students who come to work at local establishments, helping them to master the English language. This summer an alumna of the literacy program returned to visit the library where she took those important classes 13 years ago...



From Ms. Linda : “Oh my goodness! I love this job because almost every day there is a surprise and something fun is happening. This young woman sitting next to me, is a former J1 student that was here 13 years ago. Her American name is Joy, (her Chinese name is Mengyan Lin). She remembered Nancy and other staff members as well as the Literacy Volunteers including Susan Tehon (sp).She is here visiting a local family she knew from her time in Lake Placid. I wish my Chinese ‘granddaughter’ Joy Han would surprise me with a visit.”
Ms. Linda Blair



Jennifer Newhart is a dedicated literacy volunteer who meets with her students a few times a week. With a warm and encouraging presence, she works to enhance their grasp of the English language.

ADULT/TEEN PROGRAMMING

Throughout the past year, the library has hosted a variety of classes catering to different interests. These have included genealogy assistance, historical speakers, craft socials, watercolor classes, crochet groups, and informational meetings on clean energy. These new additions complement the already-popular programs such as book clubs, literacy classes, math tutoring, and AARP tax assistance.

Erin Johnson, the technology staff member at the LPPL, has recently expanded her responsibilities by taking on the new role of planning activities specifically tailored for teens and adults. With her diverse range of skills and talents, Erin is dedicated to enhancing the library's offerings. She is committed to creating engaging and enriching programs that appeal to the interests and needs of the community, and her innovative ideas promise to bring fresh experiences to our patrons. Erin's contributions will undoubtedly strengthen the library's role as a vibrant hub for learning and social interaction.

The collage features several promotional posters for library programs:

- Local History: Lyman Epps**: Archaeologist Dr. Hadley Kravetz-Aaron to speak on the life of Lyman Epps, a founding member of the library, his family, and the search for their homestead. Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 - 7:00pm.
- Community Renewables and Heat Pumps Presentation**: Presented by North Country. Wednesday, July 24th, 4pm to 5pm. Lake Placid Public Library, 2471 Main St. Lake Placid, NY 12946.
- CRAFT SOCIAL**: Monday, July 29, 10:30-12:30. Sign up at the front desk or call 518-523-5200.
- WATERCOLOR: PAINT IN THE GARDEN**: Monday, Nov. 21, 10:30-12:30. Sign up at the front desk or by calling 518-523-5200.
- Watercolor Workshop: Holiday Wreaths**: Monday Nov. 27th, 10:30-12:30. Sign up at the front desk or by calling 518-523-5200.
- ASK A GENEALOGIST!**: Wednesday, November 8th, 11:00-1:00.
- Coiled Baskets: The Basics**: Monday, Oct. 30th, 10:30-12:30.
- CRAFT social MONDAY NOV. 25TH**: 10:30-12:30. Come have a cup of tea and work on your own project in the cozy non-fiction room.

A great year for children's programming...

Rain or shine, every Friday morning at 10:30 the children eagerly gather for the enchanting weekly storytime with Ms. Linda. During this past summer, Ms. Linda hosted special guests who enriched storytime with their talents. RiverJack Z, Annie Vigne, and Lucy Orringer captivated the audience with songs, dance, and music, making the storytelling experience even more memorable.

Summer programming continued this year with a celebration of Smokey Bear's 80th birthday at the John Brown Farm with help from the Lake Placid Volunteer Fire Department, Mountain Lake PBS, Cornell University Uihlein Maple Research Forest, Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute, the Adirondack Mountain Club, NYS DEC, and Speechie Trish. Other summer programs included visits from musician Nan Hoffman, Michael Clough from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, and naturalists from the Point Au Roche State Park Nature Center. The library was pleased to host children's authors, including Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Caitlin Friebel. Families also enjoyed a bilingual program with Veronica Salazar, highlighting her delightful picture book *El Tesoro del Datilero (The Dale Tree Tale)*.

The Homeschool Thursday group explored an array of topics, including volunteerism, biographies, the art of sculpture, Haudenosaunee culture, and even had a visit from an Environmental Conservation Officer and his K-9 Partner. The library also introduced a LEGO Club which focused on collaborative

projects around a monthly theme.

The library assisted in many off-site programs, including events related to the Harriet Tubman Beacon of Hope Statue and a moth ball with science writer Loree Griffin Burns at the John Brown Farm, in addition to events at the Cascade Welcome Center centered around Kate Messner's *Over and Under* titles. Children's community outreach continued with monthly visits to Head Start and Pre-K 4. LPPL also continues to organize the children's activities for Lake Placid Community Day and assists with children's programming at Teddy Bear Picnic, Arbor Day, and the Rotary Club's Dam Duck Race. StoryWalks® complete our children's outreach with installations at the John Brown Farm, Cascade Welcome Center, Heart Lake, and community events.

For the third year, LPPL collaborated with the Adirondack Family Book Festival to bring a diverse group of distinguished authors and illustrators to Lake Placid. Planning is already underway for 2025's festival. Mark Saturday, August 16, on your calendars as a day to celebrate the power of children's and YA literature.



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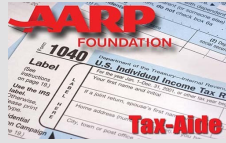
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AARP TAX GUIDE

They'll be here !

AARP volunteer workers prepared and filed income tax returns for over 200 people last year. This is a free program open to all and much appreciated. The AARP group sets up shop at 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.



Did you know the library has more than books?...

LIBRARY OF THINGS...

You might be surprised to find that your local library offers items beyond just books, such as banjos, pickleball equipment, and VR headsets. Libraries are challenging traditional norms by expanding their collections to include a variety of items. Take a moment to explore some of what's available for checkout. Visit our catalog ...

www.lakeplacidlibrary.org or contact us at 518-523-3200.

Or current resident



Mission Statement
 To be a focal point of our community by providing educational, informational, cultural, and recreational material for all.

Vision Statement
 To establish a working relationship with all members of our community. To develop an informational and interesting collection of books, historical archival files, technology, art, and other materials to enhance the educational and recreational needs of residents and visitors. To provide outreach and programming for the community and visitors.



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Wishing You the Best of the Season