

Middleport Free Library

Directors Quarterly Report Sept 19, 2011

Circulation: Jan. – Aug. 2011 21,642 Jan. – Aug. 2010 21,026
Circulation is up by 616 items for this period last year.

Director's Activities: I attended Alms and Directors meetings at NIOGA headquarters and attended a Niagara Co. Ad Hoc meeting regarding Niagara Co. funding for next year at the Lockport Library.
I continue to order books, periodicals, audio visual materials plus library supplies.

Library use: We had the following Girl Scouts hold programs working towards badges:

1. Emily Whitehead held 7 Monday evening meetings with her "Creative Writing Class" working towards her Gold Badge.
2. Jodi Klock and Maggie Woodman held 7 Monday afternoon programs reading to grades K-2 and 8 Wednesday afternoon programs reading to 3rd 4th and 5th graders. They were working towards a Silver Badge.
3. Haley Storms, Kim Rastelli and Miranda Kimber held 5 Wednesday afternoon "craft" programs for ages 5-7 working towards a Bronze Badge.

40 children and 27 adults attended 7 Thursday morning preschool programs. We held 7 Thursday afternoon summer reading programs for grades k-4 with a total attendance of 165. We had 507 children & teens enter our free end-of-summer prize drawing each time they checked out books as an incentive to keep reading over the summer.

2 Girl Scout and 2 Scrabble Club meetings were held. Michael Gaughn does research for a book when in town, 1 person used the quiet upstairs room for a phone interview and we also had the US Border & Protection Agency interview a Middleport resident at the library. BTOP held an "Open Access" computer question and answer session. We have an ongoing "Book Discussion Group" that use the library on a monthly basis and our Friends Groups hold meetings.

Showcase: We had Linda Covell's doll collection from around the world on display this summer. We currently have her nun figurine collection promoting the Lake Plains Players upcoming production of "Nunsense" in October at 2 different locations.

Staff: Ellen planned and ran the summer preschool story time and the afternoon summer reading program. She worked closely with Eric Dodge and Mallorie Haenle on the Teen Drama Club summer play "The Prez's new clothes" with a cast of 22 teens. We had a total attendance of 65 for 2 performances held at the Parish Hall. She currently is meeting with them once a week on a "Classic Horror" program for Halloween.

Sue Ann continues keeping the local history files up to date from newspaper articles and makes copies for Christa our Village Historian. She does barcoding for books, magazines and DVD's and has labeled all our Caldecott and Newberry award books for easier selection as each year the students look for these books for a class assignment. The added Monday hours give her more time to devote to our history files.

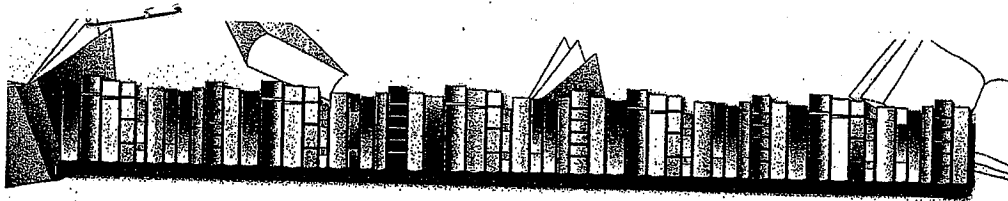
George, our volunteer groundskeeper has been busy mowing and sweeping up twigs and leaves Plus he carts them away for us.

Cheri is cleaning once a week and doing a great job.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Bernard
Library Director



**Middleport Free Library
Summer Reading Program:**

One World, Many Stories

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

- July 7 Book a Trip *
 - July 14 Buffalo Science Museum - Egypt
 - July 21 StoricsGalorious - Folk Tales
 - July 28 Buffalo Zoo - World Safari
 - Aug. 4 Wondermakers - Gardens of the Earth
 - Aug. 11 Tiger Tom Walsh
- World's Noisiest Farm
 - Aug. 18 Let's Play Dress-up *
- *Grigg-Lewis grant sponsored*

Call or stop in at the Library to register: 735-3281

