Director's Report November 2022

Buildings & Grounds

- Oct. 5: Monroe Extinguishers replaced fire extinguishers
- Oct. 10: First time open for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day. The library will now be open for certain holidays.
- Oct. 17: Monroe Extinguishers replaced exit sign batteries in all signs except the front door.
- Oct. 18: New shed (as per the Assemblyman Norris Grant) was installed in the backyard.
- Old shed was subsequently taken by clerk Ellen Gagne's husband

Patron count

Date	Total	Avg/Day	Date	Total	Avg/Day
Sept 2021	806	38	April 2022	843	40
Oct 2021	897	44	May 2022	810	41
Nov 2021	630	34	June 2022	958	42
Dec 2021	593	28	July 2022	1053	53
Jan 2022	662	35	August 2022	1083	49
Feb 2022	590	33	Sept 2022	840	40
March 2022	825	36	Oct 2022	1212	55

Budget & Finances

- Sept. 26: Niagara County Grant deposited
- Oct. 27: Local Library Service Aid deposited
- Oct. 31: Dennis & Phyllis Washington Grant finalized

Circulation

	Phys Mat	Internet	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry
Sept 2021	1235	214	37	160	10
Oct 2021	1164	137	32	139	89
Nov 2021	928	164	27	121	0
Dec 2021	945	184	31	123	12
Jan 2022	878	169	47	125	89
Feb 2022	1073	113	46	156	542
March 2022	1096	110	39	126	0
April 2022	1225	120	77	132	32
May 2022	1236	82	59	169	89
June 2022	999	203	40	144	110
July 2022	1479	169	62	165	27
Aug 2022	1352	188	61	178	137

Sept 2022	1029	106	54	169	82
Oct 2022	1137	129	63	189	50
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Cataloging & Collection Development

	Items in Collection	Items Circulated	Items Removed
Sept 2021	20338	1235	3
Oct 2021	19623	1164	467
Nov 2021	19702	928	0
Dec 2021	19779	945	0
Jan 2022	[info not available due to system error]	878	0
Feb 2022	19830	1073	0
March 2022	20002	1096	0
April 2022	20009	1225	0
May 2022	20072	1236	0
June 2022	20084	999	31
July 2022	20215	1479	0
August 2022	20159	1352	0
Sept 2022	20176	1029	124
Oct 2022	20060	1137	96

Weeding

- September: Health/medical books (610s) in nonfiction and children's nonfiction published in 1999 or older & children's 500s published in 1999 or older
- October: Continuing adult 600s published in 1999 or older and children's 500s & 600s published in 1999 or older.

These sections are being weeded in conjunction with the nonfiction books purchased with the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Grant.

Continuing Education & Professional Development

- Sept. 15: Director's virtual meeting
- Sept. 16: Open Meetings Law Virtual Training, by NYS Library virtual webinar, attended by Director Gretchen Schweigert & Board President Michele Smith-Link
- Sept. 21: Central Book Aid (CBA) meeting by Niagara Falls Public Library virtual meeting, attended by the director
- Oct. 5: Circulation Tech Services in person at Nioga, attended by clerks Ellen Gagne and Teresa Facklam
- Oct. 6: Empowered Against Book Bans by WNYLRC virtual webinar, attended by the director

- Oct. 11: Practicing Inclusion: Welcoming Transgender Customers and Colleagues by InfoPeople virtual webinar, attended by the director
- Oct. 12: Mental Health and Wellness 101 by the Niagara Falls Public Library (Central Library Workshop) in person at Nioga, attended by the director
- Oct. 12: Accessibility in Your Library by Niche Academy virtual webinar, attended by the director
- Oct. 14: Creating a More Inclusive Catalog by Crossroads virtual webinar, attended by the director
- Oct. 26: Director's meeting, in person at Nioga
- Clerk Ellen Gagne has been working on the Information Literacy Instruction for Library Professionals provided by the Brooklyn Public Library via virtual webinars. She has done 3 of 12 hours so far.

Programming

Date	Program	Attendees	
Sept. 26 Night of Miracles, by Elizabeth Berg Oct. 24	Book Club	–; 8ad	
All Adults Here, by Emma Straub		–;9ad.	
September October	Lego Club		
Sept. 10	Sept. 10 Agatha Christie Murder Mystery		
Sept. 29	Fire Truck at the Library	1ch./1ad.	
Oct. 10	Video Game Afternoon	7ch;1ad	
Oct. 6 Code Your Name Oct. 13		2ch;1tn;	
Robots at the Library Oct. 20	STEAM Club	2ch;	
Zoetrope Oct. 27		-;	
Mischief Night: STEAM Edition		22ch;11ad	
Oct. 12 + 19	Basket Weaving	–;6ad.	
Oct. 26	Ghost Talk with Graestone Manor	-ch./1tn./19ad.	
Oct. 29	Witches' Tea	–ch./13ad.	

Publicity & Outreach

- Sept. 21: Elementary School Grades 3 & 4 Open House
- Sept. 22: Middle School Open House
- Oct. 4: Girl Scout Meet 'n' Greet
- Oct. 5: Trustee Diana Bragg and the director scouted a location for the mini library donated to us by the Lion's Club
- Oct. 31: The library was open for Trick or Treating

Displays

- Book Tree: Recycling for America Recycles Day (November 15)
- Round table: Native American children's books for Native American Heritage Month
- Children's Shelf: Books about toys

Social media

705 likes of Facebook; 121 followers on Twitter; 188 followers on Instagram; 1,247 followers on Pinterest

Staff & Volunteers

Thank you to the clerks for keeping up with the increased programming, and helping out when the director was out of town. Thank you to the custodians for helping maintain the building & grounds. Thank you to the Friends for putting on the great programs and getting kids back in the library. And thank you to the Trustees for contributing to the increased improvement and organization for the library to continue its mission.

Respectfully submitted, Gretchen Schweigert Library Director