Director's Report September 2023

Buildings & Grounds

- Aug. 16: Waters Basement Services scoped out the basement for flooding issues and our options for solving them. He suggested new gutters and re-shaping the ground around the foundation. He also suggested flushing out the outgoing pipes as they might be built up with sediment.
- Aug. 18: Halstead Heating & Plumbing visited to flush the out-going pipes. He said that pipe was old, probably didn't go anywhere, and he wasn't going to do a service for us that would be expensive and possibly useless. He agreed that fixing the gutters will be the best course of action.
- Aug. 23: Able Electric returned to make a new estimate on the lighting downstairs for the construction grant.

Patron Count

Date	Total	Avg/Day	Date	Total	Avg/Day
July 2022	1053	53	Feb 2023	708	36
Aug 2022	1083	49	March 2023	829	38
Sept 2022	840	40	April 2023	865	41
Oct 2022	1212	55	May 2023	1167	53
Nov 2022	828	41	June 2023	875	44
Dec 2022	818	41	July 2023	1235	56
Jan 2023	835	38	August 2023	1312	57

Circulation

	Phys Mat	Internet	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry
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
Nov 2022	899	194	78	182	98
Dec 2022	1001	99	77	161	39
Jan 2023	1254	127	104	182	21
Feb 2023	1070	105	62	170	47
March 2023	1385	103	85	164	98
April 2023	1209	144	108	177	223
May 2023	1100	144	122	143	15
June 2023	1167	114	154	148	12
July 2023	1515	428	98	154	125
August 2023	1735	434	112	172	0

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Cataloging & Collection Development

	Items in Collection	Items Circulated	Items Removed
July 2022	20215	1479	0
August 2022	20159	1352	0
Sept 2022	20176	1029	124
Oct 2022	20060	1137	96
Nov 2022	20179	899	0
Dec 2022	20432	1001	28
Jan 2023	20326	1254	173
Feb 2023	20039	1070	341
March 2023	19952	1385	305
April 2023	19488	1209	504
May 2023	19592	1100	0
June 2023	19737	1167	9
July 2023	19749	1515	0
August 2023	19645	1735	153

We've begun weeding for free books on the book sale cart again with a theme each month. August was cookbooks and September is the J900s (history & geography) for back-to-school season.

Continuing Education & Professional Development

- Aug. 9: Nioga Director's Monthly Zoom conference call, attended by the director.
- Aug. 10: Construction grant lab, attended by the director

Programming

Date	Program	Attendees			
July 24 The Woman in Cabin 10, by Ruth Ware August 28 The Good Girl, By Mary Kubica	Book Club	0ch;13ad 0ch;9ad			
July 10 - August 19	Summer Reading Program	0-5	6-12	13-18	19+
Wk1: Art Kits Wk2: Seed Bombs Wk 3: Bird Feeder Wk 4: Friendship Bracelets Wk5: DIY Flashlights Wk6: CD Scratch Art	Take 'n' Makes	24/24 taken 24/24 taken 24/24 taken 20/20 taken 20/20 taken 20/20 taken			
7/11: Gaming Day 7/18: Breakout 1 & 2	Gaming Together	10ch;3ad 6ch;0ad/-/-			

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7/25: Dungeons & Dragons		5ch;1ad
8/1: Gaming Day	Gaming Together (cont'd)	8ch;2ad
8/8: Breakout 1 & 2		6ch;1ad/3ch;0ad
8/15: Gaming Day		9ch;0ad
7/12: Super Mario Bros.		6ch;1ad
Movie		
7/19: Toy Story		6ch;1ad
7/26: Dungeons & Dragons		5ch;0ad
8/2: The Iron Giant	Weekly Summer Movie	3ch;1ad
8/9: Puss in Boots: The Last		_/_
Wish		
8/16: How To Train Your		3ch;0ad
Dragon		
7/13:		
Middleport Fire Department		7ch;3ad
7/27:		,
Middleport Police Department	Meet the Community Helpers	15ch;6ad
8/10:		·
Middleport Dept. of		5ch;2ad
Public Works		,
7/20:		
Kamigami & Bloxels		10ch;1ad
8/3:	Took Take at the Library	•
Ozobots & Cubetto	Tech Toys at the Library	4ch;0ad
8/17:		,
Dot & Dash Robots		6ch;1ad
July 19	Stuffed Animal Sleepover	5ch;1ad
	Storytime	,
July 27	,	-/-
	Little Storytime	—,—
All August	Community Art Show	9ch;1ad
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	TOTAL	132 Take 'n' Makes
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Publicity & Outreach

- August 1: Middleport's National Night Out the library had a booth to sign people up for library cards & guests could make buttons & bookmarks. We also had a storywalk set up. Trustee Diana Bragg was kind enough to volunteer for this event.
- August 31: Elementary School's Back to School Night the library had a table set up to sign people up for library cards and set up a storywalk. We had 91 kids read the storywalk, as well as have 12 children & 2 adults sign up for library cards.

Displays

- Children's round table: STEM & craft books to promote the Imagination Station
- Coloring table: Back to school books
- Children's shelf: Books with bookmarks with QR codes for the Hoopla audiobook of the same title to make your own read-along stories
- Book tree: The Muppets in honor of Jim Henson's birthday on Sept. 24th

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Social Media

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter	Pinterest
827 followers	206 followers	120 followers	1,248 followers

Staff & Volunteers

Many thanks to the staff for getting through 2023 Summer Reading! Special thanks to our summer intern Greta Schuster for all her hard work this year. Thank you to the volunteers who made the summer successful! Thanks to Friend Christa Lutz for her beautiful baskets; thank you Trustee Diana Bragg for helping with the National Night Out; thanks to the Friends of the Library group for financing some of the SRP prizes; thanks to Friend Rebecca Schweigert for her help at the ES Open House night.

Respectfully submitted, Gretchen Schweigert Library Director