

Facilities - Building & Grounds

- Groundskeeper, Gary begun Spring cleaning outside! He picked up leaves, sticks and mowed the lawn.
- Board members Michele, Margaret and Regina have gotten quotes for the basement repairs and drainage issues.

Patron Visitor Count:

- 1,239 patrons visited us in March! 984 have visited the library so far throughout the month of April!

March 2025 Library Card Holders

- Throughout the month, 18 new patrons signed up with library cards! 22 patrons renewed their cards. Currently 2,227 patrons are library cardholders for RHCL.

Budget & Finance

- All paperwork has been submitted to close the 2023 NYS Construction Aid Grant. The library is still waiting to receive the last 10% of funds. In addition, currently the state's budget for FY2026 is not approved yet by state legislature, future funding is currently unclear.
 - We received \$8,269.32 from the school district for library tax collection.
- Nioga Library System sponsored a \$400 check to the library to support our Summer Reading program!
- The Friends of the Library sponsored \$1,000 to support our Summer Reading Program too and renew circulating library passes like RMSC, Aquarium of Niagara and Angelina plan's on getting an Empire Pass patrons can check out!
- Director, Angelina contacted the library's Hoopla Representative about budgeting for Hoopla. Digital use has increased and Hoopla invoices have gone up to \$500+ dollars. The library is billed per checkout and checkout rates can go up to \$3.99 per checkout. Angelina is exploring options of possibly limiting to \$2.99 per checkout or limiting the amount of checkouts each patron can use per month.
- Angelina started to explore options for new website options. She reached out to a company in Rochester, they quoted a proposal for \$9,000 to design the website. The operational maintenance yearly is \$560 for ADA Accessibility Widgets and a fee to the company on top of that. Angelina will continue to get more quotes and options!

- Angelina is still working on submitting the letter of intent for East Hill Foundation. She is applying for Vox/Wonderbooks, Tonies, STEAM Kits and launchpad playaways! Asking for \$5,000-\$6,000 to fund this circulating equipment and collections.

Circulation

	<i>Phys Mat</i>	<i>Internet</i>	<i>Overdrive</i>	<i>Hoopla</i>
Jan 2025	1303	47	104	245
Feb 2025	1240	86	208	225
Mar 2025	1316	84	213	236

In the month of March, the library's physical item circulation increased since March last year! 1,043 items circulated. March of this year, 1,316 items did! We saw an increase of 273 items checkout!

2024 Annual Interlibrary Loans

Total Materials Borrowed	1,985
Total Materials Loaned	1,866

Cataloging & Collection Development

	<i>Items in Collection</i>	<i>Items Circulated</i>
Jan 2025	19,586	1,303
Feb 2025	19,586	1,240
Mar 2025	19,395	1, 316

Continuing Education, Professional Development & Meetings

- 3/19- Kelly & Angelina, Collaborative Planning Meeting
- 4/2 – Staff attended the Sexual Harassment Training with Nioga
- 4/9- Angelina attended Sexual Harassment Training for Directors/Trustees with Nioga
- 4/9- Interview about Jennifer Coburn Author Talk with Joyce Miles, Lockport Union Sun & Journal
- 4/16- Angelina attended the Friends of the Library Meeting
- 4/17- Website Meeting Consultation

Public Services

- The Display Case for Community Use has been launched! Friend of the Library, Becky Burns displayed Sarah Coventry jewelry and Joyce Miles shared an article about it in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal, it was a hit! Patrons have been visiting from various towns to see it.

- Community Room use continues to increase! Groups such as Diversified Rehab Services for Speech Pathology, Middleport Travel Group and Middleport Beautification Committee has held outside meetings in the room.
- Angelina shared the Annual Report to the Community! It is now available at the circulation desk. A copy will be available on the website soon!
- On 3/25, the library hosted Family Bingo Night! Families of all ages played rounds of bingo and had chances to win books or candy! 18 patrons attended.
- Murder in the Stacks Book Discussion Group continues to meet once a month to discuss murder mysteries or thrillers! Four patrons attended.
- Master Builder's LEGO Club has grown! Since switching the program from Tuesdays to Thursdays, the library has seen more families participate. Every Thursday, four-eight kids attend and 2-3 adults.
- Throughout the month of March, the library held a Donation Drive for Niagara Hospice House! Patrons donated various hygiene products for their new caregiver bag project! In April after for Advanced Care Directives Month, representatives for Niagara Hospice came and did a presentation on their services and information about Advanced Care Directives. Three patrons attended.
- At the end of March, the library held Spice of the Month Club! Patrons got to pick up a sample of oregano spice with four recipe ideas to try! 17 patrons signed up.
- On April 5th, the library held an Easter Egg Hunt! Families searched around the Children's Room and when kids picked up three eggs each, they came to the Circulation Desk to pick out a prize from the treasure box! 28 patrons attended.
- Miss Angelina made Program to Go Kits for an Easter Egg Wreath Craft! Two families signed up.
- Scam Prevention with CCE Orleans was cancelled due to staff illness. The program has now been re-scheduled to June! Patrons can learn about scams and how to protect themselves from them, presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County!
- On April 10th, Jewelry Art sessions began! Friends of the Library, Becky Burns held various sessions where patrons can make art with jewelry! This was for teens and adults. Registration is full and has had a great turn out for each session!
- On April 12th, representatives from Gasport Lions Club came and did a free Vision Screening for Homeschool Families! Three families participated and got the screening done.
- Outreach Technology Librarian, Sara came once a month and provided Tech assistance to patrons! Four patrons were able to come in and get their questions answered.
- Basket Making with Christa was back! On Wednesday evening sessions, patrons learned the art of weaving and made baskets with Christa! This program was full for all sessions.
- Coffee, Cards & Chat for Seniors met twice a month! Patrons can enjoy a cup of coffee, play cards and chat with one another. Four patrons have been attending twice a month!
- Fiction Book Club continues to meet monthly! Participants read the The Librarianist and next, they will be reading The Reading List!

- The library had their first Kid Librarian of the Week! A child displayed a display and suggested books other families can check out! There are two more patrons signed up to complete a display and be a Kid Librarian of the Week!

Outreach and Partnerships

- Miss Angelina visited Bergamot Montessori in March! They read stories and colored Spring pictures after! Next meeting will be 4/29.
- In May, Miss Angelina and Mrs. Bragg will be attending STEAM Fest at RHES!
- The Library was invited for the Fun Run event with RHES! Staff will be attending that as well at the high school track.
- The library partnered with Niagara Hospice House and did a donation drive, as well as have a program with representatives on Advanced Care Directives.
- For the Jennifer Coburn Author Visit Event coming up on May 5th, the library partnered with bookseller Author's Note! Patrons who wanted to attend the event, can purchase books through Author's Note on their website or visit them in store. The library partnered with Woodward Memorial Library in LeRoy too, as Jen will be visiting all three county locations!

Collection Development and Displays

- The library had displays up on Autism Awareness Month, Buzz into Spring, Sweet Treats & More, Step Back into Time with Historical Fiction, Kid Librarian of the Week, Spring and Gardening books!
 - A patron donated new inspirational books, added them to the collection!
- We received more adult fiction, non-fiction and children's easy reader and picture books!

Social Media

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
1k followers	228 followers	120 followers

Planning for the Future

- Summer Reading Planning is in full swing! Preparing for a great program for children, teens and adults! Michele is looking into how much it would cost to get an insurance rider. The library would love to do a big community event for the kick-off!

Thank You

During this time of transition, thank you to all of the Board, Friends of the Library for all their volunteering and all that they did! The library welcomes a new Senior Clerk, Abby and Library Clerk, Kari to the team!

Thank you to all of the Staff, Friends of the Library, Board of Trustees, and our community partners for all that they do for the community and the library!

Sincerely,
Angelina DiMascio, Library Director