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Director's Report:

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September 2025 Board Meeting

Budget & Finance:

- East Hill Foundation visited the library for a site visit for the Youth Literacy Collection and Kits Grant. They like the work the library is doing and will be in touch in October to let us know the final status of our grant.
- Two more grant applications are open for youth! I plan on applying to the Kelly for Kids Foundation to see if we can get sports equipment and Niagara Area Foundation to see if we can get Tonieboxes, Tonies and Launchpad Playaways.
- The Friends of the Library are sponsoring \$350 for the library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program to get new prize books for the families in the program! At the end of December, I will give the Friends a proposed budget for how they can continue to support the library for various presenters/prizes throughout the year and partner with them.

Facility - Buildings & Grounds:

- Don completed the office project! Buildings & Grounds were used for supplies expenses and for his time, he was funded with Estate funds.
- Watts Brothers Electric had meant to service a neighbor's generator and did the library's accidentally for free. They said the generator is operating great!
- The chairlift is working again and running smoothly! I contacted Wesley Elevators about coming out for a service call. They're busy and told me they will get back to us about a scheduled date.
- Margaret is working with Mark Schwartz to get a quote for the Director's door and the closet door behind the Circulation Desk. We are awaiting information on a commercial use door for the office.
- The function lever in the toilet is still broken and affecting patrons/staff when using the restroom. I would like to propose a toilet replacement or finding a way to fix the toilet we have now.

- Cameras are working. I would like to propose infrastructure updates for access to the Circulation stations.

Statistics:

Month	Door Count	Computer Sessions	Ref ?'s	Physical Circ	Overdrive Circ	Library Cards	Hoopla Circ
July	1784	50	122	1607	216	2341	143
August	1228	45	113	1607	222	2355	147

Programs:

July

- Throughout the month of July, the library hosted 29 programs! A total of 281 patrons participated in programs, including using Take & Make Crafts and the Children's Room Scavenger Hunt!

August

- Throughout the month of August, the library hosted 22 programs! 223 patrons participated in programs throughout the month, including using Take & Make Crafts and the Children's Room Scavenger Hunt!

Summer Reading Program: Color Our World for All Ages!

- 123 patrons participated in this year's Summer Reading Program!
- Some popular programs included Benjamin Berry's Circus Arts for All, Charcuterie 101 with The Storybook Cook, Birds of Prey with Braddock Bay Raptor Research, Touch-A-Truck Kick-Off with community first responders and Royhart FFA, and Creative Movement with Medina Dance Center and Guinea Pig Storytime with Mrs. Owen and Adult Paint Night!
- We thank many of our Summer Reading Prize donors and sponsors including the Friends of the Library, Tops in Medina, Chop Shops Pizza, Village Pizza, Marks Pizza in Medina and Niagara Kraze!
- 12,585 minutes were spent reading this Summer, which is a little over 209 hours! Such an amazing achievement of reading!

Outreach Events:

The library attended both Middleport National Night Out and RHES Open House Night! The Friends of the Library and I handed out crafts, Erie Canal posters and library information and had a game station. Miss Abby and I attended Open House and handed out crafts and talked about library programs with the families! Over 100+ patrons in the community stopped at the library table for both events! Thank you to our partners for having us! We hosted a donation drive for RHES and on Supply Drop-Off Night, we donated the school supplies. Thanks to our community and patrons, we donated 150+ supplies and we were happy to partner and help with students' success!

Personnel:

- Our Senior Library Clerk, Abby was a recipient of a sponsorship from WNYLRC's Library Support Staff Committee to attend NYLA's Library Skills Academy! So far, she has attended training on library topics including: Introduction: Library Skills Academy, Reference Services, Public / Customer Service, Technical Services.
- Library Clerk Kari and I attended Nioga's Youth Services Summer Reading Wrap-Up meeting.

Other/Upcoming:

- The library has been invited by the elementary school to help in planning their PARP event this year! I will be attending the meeting. Thank you to the elementary school for having us! More meetings will be to follow before PARP Week in March and how the library can participate!
- Fall Flannel Fest with the Middleport Beautification Committee, Friends of the Library are planning to do a big Fall Book Sale and Crafts in the library the day of!
- Thank you to our Staff, Library Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library and community partners for all that they do in making the library a welcoming place for all!