

**Director's Report**  
**Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 22 @ 6:00 PM**  
**To be held at the Hamburg Public Library**

**Blood Drives**

Blood drives by the American Red Cross were held at the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries in November and December. All time slots continue to be filled at both locations.

**Scavenger Hunts**

Scavenger hunts were held at both libraries during November and December.

*Hamburg Library*

December's Scavenger Hunt was themed Christmas Cookies with 356 patrons participating.

*Lake Shore Library*

November's Scavenger Hunt was themed as a treasure hunt. Participants found treasure chests around the library with objects inside them off of a list. The treasure chests were donated by a patron. There were 86 participants.

December's Scavenger Hunt was themed for holidays. Participants found pictures relating to holidays throughout the year around the library for a sticker. There were 35 participants.

Lake Shore kicked off January with a Dog Man Scavenger Hunt in anticipation of the upcoming movie and February Library Party. With the arrival of the new button maker, the prizes were updated to Dog Man buttons. The buttons were well received by the children as they are getting excited for the Dog Man Party. So far, there have been 25 participants.



## **Therapy Dogs**

*Hamburg Library*

### **Read into Kruz**

Kruz visited the library on December 14 and January 11 to read with patrons. There were 5 and 24 participants respectively.

*Lake Shore Library*

### **Paddy the Reading Dog**

Paddy and his owner Elongia Farrell visited on November 6 and December 9 with 5 visitors each. They set themselves up in the children's area.

## **Website Updates**

Librarian Trainee Sarah updated both the Hamburg and Lake Shore Library websites. The new and improved appearance of the website follows ADA guidelines, creating an easy to read user experience. The updated websites provide information related to events and programming at both libraries.

## **Media Training Opportunity**

On November 21, Librarian Nicole participated in an online training session entitled, Media Training: PR & Communication Skills for Library Leaders. The course is designed to help future library leaders communicate with the public and other audiences by learning crucial media and public relations skills. Nicole was one of three staff selected.

## **Holiday Parade**

On November 30, this writer was one of four judges at the annual Holiday Parade put on by Hamburg Holidays. The other judges were Thomas Adams, incoming Hamburg Central Schools superintendent; Colleen Kaney, assistant superintendent for student service; and former mayor Tom Moses. It was very festive with the lake effect snow ramping up! The judges were situated on the rooftop patio at Black Smoke. We agreed it was like being at a Bills game! 😊

## **Interview with College Student**

Luke Stotz, a college student, interviewed Librarian Nicole for a class assignment.

## **YES (Youth Engaged Services) Hamburg Toy Collection, Hamburg Holiday of Caring**

The Hamburg Library hosted a collection bin for the Hamburg Holiday of Caring. It was to collect toys for children in need in our community.

## ***Hamburg Library***

### **Programs offered this month include:**

#### **LEGO Club**

Senior Pages Lauren and Emily held LEGO Club on December 7, December 11, January 4, and January 18. In December, 32 children attended and in January, 64 children attended. Hamburg YES (Youth Engaged Services) volunteers assisted with this program.

#### **Story Time All Shook Up**

Miss Laurie and Miss Nicole held Story Time Shook up, a lively event full of songs, movements and stories for children ages 0 to 5. In December, 132 patrons attended. As of January 15, 128 patrons attended.

#### **Baby Bounce**

Librarian Nicole held lapsit story time for children ages 0 to 2 on December 29 and January 13. There were 38 and 34 in attendance respectively. There are two sessions. Each child receives their own book to hold during the program.

#### **Cookbook Club**

Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted the monthly Cookbook Club on November 20 and December 18. Everyone chose a recipe from the cookbook of the month and brought it to share. November's title was *Friendsgiving* by Alexandra Shystman with 8 in attendance. December's titles were *Joy to the World: 24 Festive Treats From Around the World* by Silke Martin, and *Out of the Box Holiday Baking* by Hayley Parker, with 9 in attendance. January's title was *New German Cooking* by Jeremy and Jessica Nolen, with 11 in attendance.



### **Director's Book Club**

Book Club is held the third Friday of the month. December's title was *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles with 15 members in attendance. Afterwards, the club held its annual holiday pot luck luncheon. January's title was *The Husbands* by Chandler Baker with 15 in attendance.

### **Stories with Santa**

This program is part of Hamburg Holidays and continues to be a community favorite! Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Hamburg Library to read stories and sing songs. Due to its popularity, there were 2 sessions scheduled on consecutive Tuesdays (December 10 and 17). Registration was limited to 50 children. The first 25 listened to stories while the second group made a craft.

Librarian Trainee Miss Sarah took charge of the crafts. Children made two crafts, Snow Globe Ornaments and Holiday Necklaces, and were able to take home a Reindeer Food. Many of the parents had lots of nice things to say! The Kiwanis Club of Hamburg served hot chocolate and donut holes. There were 174 combined attendance. At the December 10 session, Santa was interviewed by Channel 2!





## **Life in the Original Larkinville**

On December 3, a docent from Explore Buffalo did a presentation on the Larkin Soap Company with 6 adults in attendance.

## **Local Author Visit**

On December 4, local author Jeanette Koncikowski read from her book, *Shipwrecked: A Memoir of Widowed Parenting and Life After Loss*.

## **Colorful Tuesday**

Colorful Tuesdays is held on the second Tuesday of the month from 5 to 7pm. This program provides coloring books, coloring pages and supplies for adults and children. There were 4 participants in December. Librarian Nicole and Library Associate Laurie coordinated this event. On January 7, Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted with 12 in attendance.

## **Book Displays**

Librarian Trainee Sarah created book displays next to the New Fiction and New Nonfiction for December and January. The December book display was "Curl Up with a Cozy Book this Season," featuring cozy mystery, cozy fantasy, and cozy romance books. The January book displays were "New Year, New Books, New You," featuring self-help books, and "Big Books Last Longer than New Year's Resolutions," featuring books larger than 500 pages.

## **Kid Librarian**

Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted four Kid Librarians, one each on November 30, December 21, December 28, and January 4. Kid Librarians were Jamie Badzinski, Benjamin Warren, Maddie Garrigan, and Amelia Garrigan. The Kid Librarians worked with Librarian Trainee Sarah to curate a display of a topic of their choice to feature in the Children's Area. Jamie chose the theme "Science Fiction," Benjamin chose

“Christmas,” Maddie chose “Graphic Novels,” and Amelia chose “Fantasy.” Each Kid Librarian created a poster to display with their collection. This program continues to be very popular with kids and their parents!



### *Lake Shore Library*

**Programs offered this month include:**

#### **Story Time Shookup**

Story time was held with Miss Stephanie, throughout November and December, for ages 2 to 5 and focused on literacy, listening skills, and socialization. Each session typically includes three books, a game or activity, and a craft. A total number of 123 attended.

Story Time was held on January 9 and 16 with Miss Laurie for ages 2 to 5 and focused on literacy, listening skills, and socialization. The first session was Number New Years. The children were read *The Very Cold, Freezing, No-Number Day* by Ashley Sorenson. They engaged in snow songs, movement, and a counting collaging craft. The first session, 31 attended. During the second session the children read *Grumpy Monkey Up All Night* by Suzanne Lang, following with a Grumpy Monkey craft.



## Baby Bounce

On November 21, Baby Bounce returned monthly for two sessions with Miss Laurie. Children ages 6 months to 2 years engaged in music, play, and reading. November had 24 attendees and December had 21 attendees.

Now a weekly Tuesday morning program with Miss Laurie, children ages 6 months to 2 years engage in music, play, and board books. The first week's class was Number New Years where babies were introduced to the core concept of numbers. The second week's class featured Grumpy Monkey, introducing the babies to this lovable book series. There a total of 26 who attended those weeks.

## Cookbook Club

On November 4, the Cookbook Club chose recipes from *The Sta@y At Home Chef* by Rachel Farnsworth and shared their dishes pot-luck style. There were 10 attendees. On December 9, Cookbook Club chose recipes from *Martha Stewart's Appetizers* and *Good Housekeeping Soups & Stews*. There were 13 attendees. Participants share their offerings and later tell how they made them.

On January 13, Cookbook Club, held with Library Associate Laurie, chose recipes from *The Smart Mediterranean Diet Cookbook* by Serena Ball. They enjoyed a festive Mediterranean night sharing their dishes pot-luck style. There were only 3 attendees, due to a seerve lake effect storm.



## Book a Technology Trainer

One-on-one sessions were held on December 6 and January 3 with a technology trainer from the Central Library with 4 and 3 attendees respectively.

## **Graycliff Presentation**

On November 16, a presentation was given by a Graycliff docent on the history and conservation efforts at Graycliff in Derby. There were 6 attendees.

## **Adult Craft Night**

On November 18, orange pomanders were made with 14 attendees. On December 16, snowmen ornaments were created with 16 attendees.



## **Adult Book Club**

On November 25, *Claudia Land* by Stephanie Land was the title selected with 9 attendees. Peanut butter sandwiches were served. On December 30, *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry was the chosen title with 6 attendees. A newsletter was made for each book by Librarian Stephanie with background information, fun facts, and recommended reads.

## **Holiday Movie Party**

On December 18, the annual Holiday Party was held with 9 attendees. Children made Christmas crafts, played Bingo, and ate snacks modeled after food found in holiday movies.

## **Class Visits**

### *Cloverbank Elementary*

On November 25, a class from Cloverbank Elementary visited with 22 attendees. Children checked out books and many registered for library cards.



## Story Time with Bright Path

On November 21, Miss Stephanie read stories to the toddlers (age 2) from Bright Path. They visit weekly on Thursdays. She read three books and gave each child a sticker. There were 13 attendees.

## Button Making

This new program, which began on January 4, is now offered every 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Our new button machine has been introduced to the public; with monitored assistance, the families are able to create their very own buttons. Dog Man buttons were featured. Several families attended, 10 children participated.

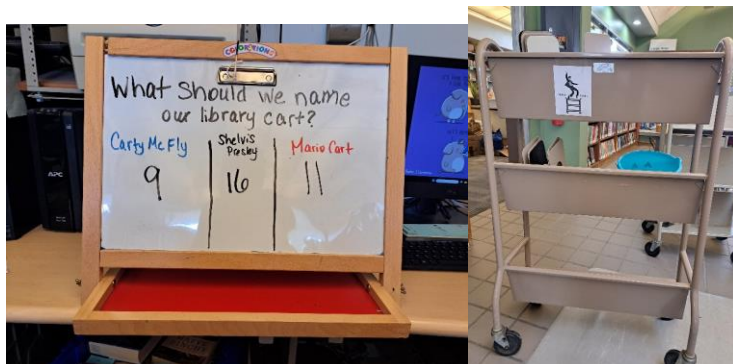


## Question Board

The easel wipeboard was put out in November to encourage passive programming participation. Questions were asked about favorite book genres. There were 15 participants.

## Name Our Library Cart

A naming contest was held on Facebook and in person to decide on a new name for a previously unnamed library cart. "Shelvis Presley" won and was subsequently christened. There were 36 participants.



## **Passive Crafts**

Christmas ornaments were put out in December in the children's area with 20 participants.

Count Down to Our Dog Man Day Party crafts were put out in January in the children's area. To date, there were 10 total participants for these crafts.

## **Kermit Kraze**

Children find stuffed Kermit hidden amongst the Children's area and win a prize. Twelve children have participated thus far.

## **Outreach**

### **Hamburg Library**

#### **Smarty Pants Daycare**

Library Associate Laurie and Librarian Stephanie visited Smarty Pants Daycare to provide them with story times and classroom book collections. On December 5, Laurie saw 38 children and on January 9, Stephanie saw 34 children.

### **Lake Shore Library**

#### **Bright Path**

In November, Librarian Stephanie visited Bright Path and read stories to 6 classes of children ages 1 to 5. She read to a total of 72 kids.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Hoth, Director

# Hamburg Public Library - December 2024 Report

## Circulation Statistics

	December 2024	December 2023	% Change
Hamburg	16,047	16,704	- 3.9%
Lakeshore	4,643	5,409	- 14.2%

## Patron Door Counts

	December 2024	December 2023	% Change
Hamburg	5,932	6,403	- 7.4 %
Lakeshore	2,557	2,501	2.2%

## Computer Sessions

	December 2024	December 2023	% Change
Hamburg	618	771	- 19.8%
Lakeshore	158	172	- 8.1%

## WiFi Sessions

	December 2024	December 2023	% Change
Hamburg	1,580	1,526	3.5 %
Lakeshore	423	415	1.9 %

**2024 Financial Report  
Hamburg Public Library**

**M&T Business Account – Checking**

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/8/2024		M & T Service Charge November		7.53	2,700.11
11/22/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	53.29		2,753.40
11/22/2024	4740	USPS (Stamps for Hamburg and Lake Shore Library)		53.29	2,700.11
11/27/2024		Deposit(Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	160.00		2,860.11
11/27/2024	4741	Cintas (Door Mats Hamburg & Lake Shore December)		160.00	2,700.11
12/5/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	42.98		2,743.09
12/5/2024	4742	Guis Lumber (Maintenance Hamburg Library)		26.98	2,716.11
12/5/2024	4743	Laura Cunningham (November Mileage Reimbursement)		16.00	2,700.11
12/9/2025		M & T Bank Service Charge December		7.52	2,692.59
12/19/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	268.37		2,960.96
12/19/2024	4744	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	2,927.96
12/19/2024	4745	Stephanie Molnar (November Mileage Reimbursement)		24.38	2,903.58
12/19/2024	4746	Rachel Martinic (November Mileage Reimbursement)		8.44	2,895.14

12/19/2024	4747	John W. Danforth (Furnace Filters for Lake Shore Library)		202.55	2,692.59
12/27/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	160.00		2,852.59
12/27/2024	4748	Cintas (Door Mats Hamburg & Lake Shore December)		160.00	2,692.59
12/31/2024		VBAC Check 4693 from May credited to back to account	100.00		2,792.59
1/3/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	58.93		2,851.52
1/3/2025	4749	Larry Davis (December Mileage Reimbursement)		38.49	2,813.03
1/3/2025	4750	Rachel Martinic (December Mileage Reimbursement)		8.44	2,804.59
1/3/2025	4751	Laura Cunningham (December Mileage Reimbursement)		12.00	2,792.59
1/9/2025	4752	Waste Management (Lake Shore Refuse 1/1-3/31/25)		659.05	2,133.54
1/9/2025	4753	Cintas (Door Mats Hamburg 12/30/2024)		40.00	2,093.54
1/9/2025	4754	Guis Lumber (Hamburg Maintenance)		118.89	1,974.65
1/10/2025	4755	ULINE Replacement bags (Hamburg and Lake Shore vacuum cleaner bags)		67.72	1,906.93
1/10/2025	4756	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	1,873.93
1/10/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	977.59		2,851.52

**Final Balance: \$2,851.52**

## M&T Business Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/22/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	217.40		3,630.01
11/22/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		53.29	3,576.72
11/27/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	118.00		3,694.72
11/27/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		160.00	3,534.72
11/29/2024		M & T Interest November	0.06		3,534.78
12/5/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	57.45		3,592.23
12/5/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		42.98	3,549.25
12/5/2024		Deposit (Lake Shore November fine & printing revenue)	62.90		3,612.15
12/19/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	156.15		3,768.30
12/19/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		268.37	3,499.93
12/27/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		160.00	3,339.93
12/31/2024		M & T Interest December	0.06		3,339.99
1/2/2025		Deposit (Lake Shore final 2024 deposit fine & printing revenue)	88.75		3,428.74
1/3/2025		Deposit (Hamburg final 2024 deposit fine & printing revenue)	171.10		3,599.84
1/10/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		977.59	2,622.25

1/17/2025		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue )		201.20	2,421.05
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**Final Balance: \$2,421.05**

<b>Northwest Private Account – Checking</b>					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/19/2024	3536	Village of Hamburg Community Foundation (Purchase of Brick Paver)		175.00	2100.09
11/20/2024	online	Amazon (Craft for Christmas with Santa Story Hour)		59.94	2040.15
11/22/2024	3537	Nicole Brown (Reimbursement for Desk Accessories + Pride flags + Literacy Calendars)		167.74	1872.41
11/22/2024	3538	Brian Parisi Copier Systems Monthly fee		3.67	1868.74
11/22/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	406.68		2275.42
11/26/2024	online	Amazon (Craft for Christmas with Santa Story Hour)		57.45	2217.97
11/27/2024	3539	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Scavenger Hunt Prizes)		127.92	2090.50
11/27/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	185.37		2275.42
11/29/2024		Northwest Paper Statement fee November		5.00	2270.42
12/3/2024	3540	Explore Buffalo (Program on "Life in the Original Larkinville")		80.00	2190.42
12/3/2024		Northwest Bank Delux check order		27.25	2163.17
12/5/2024	3541	Fowler's Chocolates (Fundraising candy		432.00	1731.17

		for Hamburg & Lake Shore)			
12/5/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	512.00		2243.17
12/19/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	103.90		2247.07
12/19/2024	3542	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for "Stories with Santa" supplies)		35.50	2311.57
12/19/2024	3543	DEMCO Inc. (Lake Shore labels)		68.40	2243.17
12/31/2024		Northwest Paper Statement Fee December		5.00	2238.17
1/1/2025	amazon	Program Supply purchase of glue sticks		20.64	2217.53
1/1/2025	amazon	Program Supply purchase of red card stock		17.25	2200.28
1/1/2025	amazon	Program Supplies of googly eyes and card stock paper + a book)		109.92	2090.36
1/9/2025	3454	DEMCO (New Carts for Hamburg Library)		790.56	1299.80
1/10/2025		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	790.56		2090.36

**Final Balance: \$2,090.36**



## Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
11/27/2024	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		406.68	24937.33
11/22/2024	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		185.37	24751.96
11/22/2024	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	187.00		24,938.96
11/27/2024	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale + Donation check)	158.25		25,097.21
11/29/2024	Northwest interest	0.21		25,097.42
11/29/2024	Northwest Paper statement		5.00	25,092.42
12/2/2024	Deposit (NYS Construction Grant)	39,375.00		64,467.42
12/5/2024	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale + Donation check and Donation box)	85.75		64553.17
12/5/2024	Deposit (Hamburg Copy Machine)	141.00		64,694.17
12/5/2024	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		512.00	64182.17
12/5/2024	Deposit (Lake Shore November Book Sale and Donation Box)	110.00		64292.17
12/5/2024	Deposit (Lake Shore Copy Machine)	26.00		64318.17
12/19/2024	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale +Donation Box and Donation check)	163.50		64481.67
12/19/2024	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		103.90	64377.77
12/27/2024	Deposit (Donation Box + 2 Donation checks)	438.50		64816.27

12/31/2025		Northwest Interest December	0.53		64816.80
12/31/2025		Northwest paper statement fee December		5.00	64811.80
1/2/2025		Deposit (Lake Shore Book Sale + donation Box December)	122.50		64934.30
1/2/2025		Deposit (Lake Shore Donation check)	100.00		65034.30
1/10/2025		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		790.56	64243.74
1/16/2025		Deposit (Donation Box)	50.00		64293.74

**Final Balance: \$64,293.74**

Expenditures were mostly routine. A purchase of two book carts was made for the Hamburg Library. A check was received for \$39,375 through NYS Construction Grant for rehabilitation of the parking lot at the Lake Shore Library.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs: 11/13/2024 -1/14/2025 = \$812.55