

Director's Report
Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, September 25 @ 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 May, June, and July.

Summer Reading

Librarian Trainee Sarah ran the Summer Reading program at the Hamburg Library, which ran from June 24th through August 3rd. The theme was "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Children completed reading logs and were able to return their reading logs and pick a prize from our prize bin. Prizes included books donated to the library and snacks. Each child was able to vote on a new item to add to the library. The items chosen were a Hopscotch Carpet and a Button Maker, generously donated by the Friends of the Hamburg Public Library. Families mentioned the children enjoyed voting and having an influence in the library. This year 51 children ages birth-4 participated, reading a total of 1,560 books, and 98 children ages 5-11, who read a total of 42,120 minutes.

For teens and adults, Summer Reading was on ReadSquared, an online reading program. This year, 3 teens and 23 adults participated in Summer Reading. Teen participants read a total of 2,183 minutes, and adult participants read a total of 16,476 minutes. Prizes for adults and teens was a book of their choice from the Friends of the Hamburg Public Library book sale. Grand prizes were two \$25 Nino's gift cards, a \$20 Lockwood's gift card, and a \$25 JP Fitzgerald's gift card, each donated by the respective business. Grand prize winners were Maddison Colvin, Amanda Golisano, Marie Proudman, and Charlotte Kaminski.

Scavenger Hunts

Scavenger hunts were held at both libraries during July and August.

At the Hamburg Library, an animal scavenger hunt, based on this year's summer theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library", was held outdoors with 770 participants over the 2 months.

At the Lake Shore Library, Scavenger Hunts were held in August and September. August's was Summer Olympics Scavenger Hunt with 119 participants. The theme for September is Hispanic Heritage Month.

Therapy Dog

On September 21, Kruz, our certified therapy dog, resumed visiting at the Hamburg Library after a long deserved summer vacation. He shared a story with 12 in attendance.

National Voter Registration Day Display

National Voter Registration Day was Tuesday September 17. Librarian Nicole put out election-related materials including voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications, League of Women Voters Pamphlets, bookmarks, and informational posters. The display was decorated with patriotic colors. It will be updated with early voting information for the duration of the election season to provide the public with quick access to forms and information. Displays are at both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries.

Addition to Sensory Nook

On September 12, an Acoustic Sensory Tactile Wall Panel was generously donated by the Friends of the Hamburg Public Library. It includes a tambourine, spinning gears, a mirror, and shape matching. It is enthusiastically being enjoyed by patrons of all ages. The staff have received inquiries about where it was purchased by an adult care facility that wants to add it to their activities area. A BIG thank you goes to Caretaker Sean for installing the wall. Nice work Sean!!



Fall Decor

Cornstalks, pumpkins, and mums were again purchased for both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries for a festive feel.

Hamburg Library

Programs offered this month include:

Several new program offerings began in September! These include: Colorful Tuesdays, Game Night, and Camp Create. These programs were created by our newest member of the team, Librarian Nicole!

LEGO Club

LEGO Club was held monthly on Wednesdays and Saturdays in August and September with Senior Pages Lauren and Sarah. Children up to 12 years of age participate. In August there were 4 participants. In September, there were 20 participants. Their creations are displayed in the Kids Space area during the month.

Book a Technology Trainer

Book a Technology one-on-one sessions were held on August 9 and September 6 with 5 and 4 attendees respectively receiving help. Sessions are with a technology instructor from the TechKnow Lab with sessions scheduled monthly.

Director's Book Club

Book Club was held on August 16 and September 20 with 15 and 14 members each. August's book title was *The 100 Year Old Man who Climbed out the Window* by Jonas Jonasson. September's title was *No Judgments* by Meg Cabot. The discussions are always lively and fun.

Cookbook Club

Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted her monthly cookbook club on August 21 and September 18. Everyone chose a recipe from the cookbook of the month and brought it to share. August's titles were *The Picnic Book* by Ali Ray and *200 Picnic & Tailgate Recipes* by Carol Beckerman, with 14 in attendance. September's title was *Lemon, Love & Olive Oil* by Mina Stone with 13 in attendance.

Story Time All Shook Up

In August and September Library Associate Laurie held Story Time Shook Up, a lively event full of songs, movements and stories for children ages 0-5. It also included a craft. Children danced, sang, and improved their literacy skills. August themes centered on

camping with 128 children and adults and in September they blasted off to space with 112 children and adults. Beginning in September, these programs have been broken down into 2 sessions with registration required.

Baby Bounce

On August 12 and 26, Library Associate Laurie, held a lapsit storytime for children ages 0-2. This program is focused on language exposure and socialization skills. Children experience songs, rhymes, and books. Children receive their own board book to use for a portion of the program. On September 23 Librarian Nicole took over the program and will continue going forward.

Colorful Tuesdays

On September 3, Librarian Nicole and Library Associate Laurie did a passive program called Colorful Tuesdays with 2 adults and 1 child in attendance. Coloring supplies and sheets are put out on the 2nd Tuesday for the public to enjoy. A family came in and spent quality together as they colored.

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm

On September 4, an educational program was presented by David O'Donnell from Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm with 19 adults and children in attendance. His talk included a discussion on monarch butterflies and the work they do to help preserve the species.

Game Night

On September 12, Librarian Nicole held game night with 2 adults in attendance. Games are from both the Hamburg Library's collection and from the Central Library's Gaming Unplugged collection. This is a monthly program occurring on the 2nd Thursday. This month, patrons played the game Salem's Affliction. Afterwards, they made requests for next month from a list that was made available to them.

Camp Create

On September 17, Library Associate Laurie held a monthly craft program for children ages 6-12 with 22 in attendance, including a Girl Scout troop. This month's theme was Harold and the Purple Crayon. Kids made a collage of Harold with the color purple and enjoyed socializing while crafting.

Kid Librarian

Librarian Trainee Sarah hosted four Kid Librarians, one each on July 22, August 6, September 4 and September 11. Kid Librarians were Carter Tomaszewski, Findley Bies, Audrey McLaughlin and Benjamin Binder. 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. Carter chose the theme "Sports: Books for All Ages," Findley chose "Oldies but Goodies," Audrey chose "Back to School," and Benjamin chose "Graphic Novels." Each Kid Librarian created a poster to display with their collection.



Lake Shore Library

Programs offered this month include:

Preschool Story Time

Librarian Stephanie held four story times in August and September. They were held on August 6 and 13 and September 10 and 17, with a total attendance of 105 adults and children. Children heard stories, sang songs, and made a special craft.

The Cookbook Club

Cookbook Club, led by Librarian Stephanie, was held on August 12 with two cookbooks written by Snoop Dogg. There were 15 attendees. Cookbook Club was also held on September 9 with *Seriously, So Good* by Carissa Stanton with 12 attendees. Participants share a dish and discuss how they made it. Everyone always has a good time!

Adult Craft Night

Adult Craft Night was held on Monday, August 12 with 8 attendees, led by Librarian Stephanie. Participants painted fans. Adult Craft Night was held on Monday, September 16 with 17 attendees. The program was led by Library Clerk Rachel. Participants made pearl ribbon bracelets.



Adult Book Club

Book Club was held on Monday, August 26 with 8 attendees and led by Librarian Stephanie. Attendees read *This Tender Land* by William Kent Kreuger.

LEGO Club

LEGO Club was held on Saturday, August 31 with 8 attendees. Children get to create whatever they want using their imaginations. Their creations are on display throughout the children's area.

Foam Party

On Saturday, August 24, a foam party was put on by Foam Rider for 53 attendees and supervised by Librarian Stephanie. For one hour, kids played in the foam and danced to music! Parents got in on the fun as well! Librarian Stephanie is looking to make this a yearly event.



Class Visits

Bright Path visited on August 29, September 5, 12, and 19 for a total of 49 children and adults. Librarian Stephanie read stories.

Passive Crafts

Passive crafts were put out in August and September for kids to make on their own in the children's area. They made zoo and music pictures and made back to school wishes for a total participation of 56.

Outreach

Hamburg Library

Concert in the Park

On August 7, this writer tabled at Memorial Park during the Hamburg Library's sponsorship night. The band that evening was "Brainstorm". This writer saw 5 kids and adults.

Open House @ Hilbert College

On August 28, this writer visited Hilbert College at the McGrath Library for "Welcome Weekend Open House" to register incoming students for library cards. This writer spoke to 18 students and registered 11 for cards. Each new card holder received a Hamburg Public Library pen.

Lake Shore Library

Storytime at Bright Path

On August 9 and 23, Librarian Stephanie visited Bright Path and read stories to a total of 91 preschool children.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Hoth, Director

Hamburg Public Library - August 2024 Report

Circulation Statistics

	August 2024	August 2023	% Change
Hamburg	22,304	22,484	- 0.8%
Lakeshore	7,006	7,503	- 6.6%

Patron Door Counts

	August 2024	August 2023	% Change
Hamburg	8,123	8,357	- 2.8%
Lakeshore	3,232	3,485	- 7.3%

Computer Sessions

	August 2024	August 2023	% Change
Hamburg	855	876	- 2.4%
Lakeshore	245	310	- 21%

WiFi Sessions

	August 2024	August 2023	% Change
Hamburg	1,913	1,819	5.2%
Lakeshore	466	535	- 12.9%

**2024 Financial Report
Hamburg Public Library**

M&T Business Account - Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/9/2024		M & T Bank service charge		7.51	2,730.12
8/9/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	226.71		2,956.83
8/9/2024	4710	Guis Lumber (Hamburg Maintenance)		165.71	2,791.12
8/9/2024	4711	ECWA (Hamburg Monthly Water Bill)		33.00	2,758.12
8/9/2024	4712	Stephanie Molnar (July Travel Reimbursement)		8.00	2,750.12
8/9/2024	4713	Laura Cunningham (July Travel Reimbursement)		20.00	2,730.12
8/9/2024		M & T Bank August service charge		7.45	2,722.67
8/15/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	160.00		2,882.67
8/15/2024	4714	Cintas (Door mats Hamburg and Lake Shore May)		160.00	2,722.67
8/29/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	141.48		2,864.15
8/29/2024	4715	Rachel Martinic (July & August Travel Reimbursement)		16.48	2,847.67
8/29/2024	4716	Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm (Hamburg Family Program)		125.00	2,722.67

9/6/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	321.60		3,044.27
9/6/2024	4717	Stephanie Molnar (August Travel Reimbursement)		19.37	3,024.90
9/6/2024	4718	Laura Cunningham (August Travel Reimbursement)		20.00	3,004.90
9/6/2024	4719	Guis Lumber (Hamburg & Lake Shore Maintenance)		249.23	2,755.67
9/6/2024	4720	ECWA Hamburg monthly water		33.00	2,722.67
9/13/2024	4721	Cintas (Door Mats Hamburg and Lake Shore)		240.00	2482.67
9/13/2024		Deposit	240.00		2,722.67

Final Balance: \$2,722.67

M&T Business Account - Savings					
Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/25/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	124.10		4,744.23
7/31/2024		M & T Interest	0.09		4,744.32
8/8/2024		Deposit (Lake Shore fine & printing revenue July)	111.80		4,856.12
8/9/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	162.15		5,018.27
8/9/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		226.71	4,791.56

8/15/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	264.04		5,055.60
8/15/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		160.00	4,895.60
8/22/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	145.85		5,041.45
8/29/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		141.48	4,899.97
8/30/2024		M & T Interest	0.08		4,900.05
9/6/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	212.85		5,112.90
9/6/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		321.60	4,791.30
9/12/2024		Deposit (Lake Shore fine & printing revenue August)	84.39		4,875.69
9/13/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		240.00	4,635.69
9/13/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	15.50		4,651.19
9/20/2024		Deposit (Hamburg fine & printing revenue)	267.70		4,918.89

Final Balance: \$4,918.89

Northwest Private Account - Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/31/2024		Northwest paper statement fee		5.00	2,340.09
8/9/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	168.75		2,508.84
8/9/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	6,131.71		8,640.55
8/9/2024	3517	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Scavenger Hunt Prizes)		131.71	8,508.84
8/19/2024	3518	Brian Parisi Copier Systems (New Copier Purchased for Hamburg)		5,659.50	2,849.34
8/22/2024		Parisi copier cost less than anticipated and money moved back to savings		340.50	2,508.84
8/29/2024		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	4,180.00		6,688.84
8/29/2024	3519	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for Percussion Play; Purchase for the Music Garden)		4,180.00	2,508.84
8/30/2024		Northwest Banking statement fee August		5.00	2,503.84
8/9/2024	on-line	Amazon (Programming purchases)		180.68	2,323.16
8/9/2024		Deposit ((Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	180.68		2,503.84

Final Balance: \$2,503.84

Northwest Private Account - Savings

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
7/31/2024	Northwest Interest July	0.27		31,209.16
7/31/2024	Northwest paper statement July		5.00	31,204.16
8/8/2024	Deposit (Lake Shore Book sale & Donation Box July)	132.00		31,336.16
8/8/2024	Deposit (Lake Shore Eastern Copier July)	33.00		31,369.16
8/9/2024	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		6,131.71	25,237.45
8/9/2024	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	168.75		25,406.20
8/22/2024	Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	113.90		25,520.10
8/22/2024	Deposited (Money returned to savings as Parisi copier cost less than anticipated)	340.50		25,860.60
8/29/2024	Deposit Hamburg Donation Box)	55.00		25,915.60
8/29/2024	Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		4,180.00	21,735.60
8/30/2024	Northwest Interest	0.22		21,735.82
8/30/2024	Northwest paper statement		5.00	21,730.82
9/6/2024	Deposit (Friends of the Library Reimbursement for the Summer Prizes and Purchase from Percussion Play for the Music Garden)	3,090.00		24,820.82

9/6/2024		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale)	121.75		24,942.57
9/12/2024		Deposit (Lake Shore Eastern Copier August)	171		25,113.57
9/12/2024		Deposit (Lake Shore Eastern Copier August)	34.00		25,147.57
9/13/2024		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	37.25		25184.82
9/20/2024		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale & Donation Box)	263.00		25,447.82
9/20/2024		Deposit (Hamburg Eastern Copier July & August)	111.00		25,558.82
9/20/2024		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		180.68	25,358.14

Final Balance: \$25,358.14

The Friends of the Hamburg Public Library reimbursed the Library for Summer Prizes and half of the purchase of an outdoor instrument from Percussion Play for the Music Garden at Lake Shore. Additional purchases over this period included a shelving unit for the closet to store supplies for Cookbook Club at the Hamburg Library; also, programming needs at both Hamburg and Lake Shore Library.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs: 7/18/2024 -9/18/2024 = \$853.85