



**Directors Report  
Cheektowaga Public Libraries (CPL)  
July & August 2024**

**1. PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events**

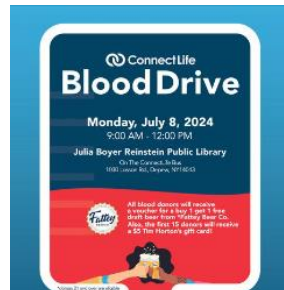
**Highlights:**

- Throughout July and into August - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted Summer Reading Adventure Clubs for children 5-8 and 9-12 years of age. Librarian Carol Vech provided activities and stories tied into the summer reading theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library." attendees enjoyed crafts, stories and games related to themes of the jungle, nighttime, beach and camping.



- July and August - Both Cheektowaga Libraries continued their Story Hour programs for children 3 to 12 years of age (Preschool Story-time at JBR and Night Owl/Early Bird Story Hours at REI) with both Director Caufield and Anna M. Reinstein Manger Matt Best filling in while interviews for a new Part-Time Librarian were conducted.

- July 8 - Both Cheektowaga Libraries hosted a ConnectLife Blood Drive. The ConnectLife blood donation vehicle parked in each parking lot for half the day collecting blood from volunteers. Fourteen pints of blood were collected to aid in emergency care of Erie County residents.



- Throughout July and August - Both Cheektowaga Libraries continued their partnership with the Cheektowaga Y.E.S groups (Youth Engaged in Service) The Y.E.S. program provides volunteer opportunities for teens who want to take an active role in the community, make new friends and gain valuable experiences helping others. The teen volunteers from the Town's Y.E.S groups coordinated multiple "Craft" and "Lego Night" programs throughout the summer for children 4 to 12 years of age. The events were always well attended with the young attendees truly enjoying the activities and crafts.



- July 13, July 25, August 10, & August 24 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Teen D&D program for 11 teens and parent volunteer. Feedback from the participating teens was overwhelmingly positive, and most requested that the program be offered again during the fall.



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- July 25 and Aug 15 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted two Medicare 101 programs. Speakers from the Clarity Group of New York explained services provided by various medicare plans and how anyone 65 and up can sign up or change their coverage to meet their individual needs.



- Throughout July, the Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted a Story Walk provided by B&ECPL Youth System Services. Story Walks take a children's book and divide them by the pages stretching them out along a walk for families to read as they explore new areas. "The Gruffalo " allowed children and families to walk comfortably under the shade trees of our Harlem Road library and read the story at their own pace.



- Aug 12 - Local Author Peter M. Talty read passages and spoke about his new book "Anatomy of a Pummeled Life" at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. After readings from his works, Mr. Talty answered questions from attendees and signed copies of his book.

## AUTHOR TALK: PETER M. TALTY

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH  
5:30 TO 6:30 PM**

Local author Peter Talty will present on his latest book, **The Anatomy of a Pummeled Life**.

*"This is the true story of a man's life that was remarkable in terms of how tragic it was. I know this is true because he was my youngest brother Pat or Patrick. We were close until the last five or so years of his life when we became estranged. I now understand why he stopped calling or emailing me, but it was through the research and the writing of this book about Pat's difficult life that I now get it."*

**PETER M. TALTY**

**Julia Boyer Reinstein Library**  
1030 Looson Road, Cheektowaga, NY  
Buffalo & Erie County Public LIBRARY

Sign-Up List available by phone or at the library Information Desk.  
#716-668-4991

- August 13 - The Buffalo Niagara WaterKeepers and the Army Corp. of Engineers shared updates on their research to find the best way to clean up the Scajaquada Creek. The meeting was held at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library bringing in environmentalists, residents and Media (WIVB) to hear and add input into the \$650,000 plan.
- August 21 & 22 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted "Pre-K Boot Camp" a program designed to prepare young children for their first day in preschool. Led by Children's Librarian Kathleen Goodrich dozens of children attended and received a small book bag, crayons, safety scissors, and participated in activities they will encounter when starting school for the first time.



- July and August - The JBR Library continued its monthly Teen Activity Box program for ages 12 to 18. Each of July's 39 boxes contained rock painting supplies and a list of recommended graphic novels. The 40 August boxes, themed "Fresh Picks," featured a list of young adult fiction released in 2024, along with supplies for making a beach diorama with kinetic sand.





- Throughout the summer the Cheektowaga Libraries promoted reading through attractive reading selections, programming and reading competitions. The Libraries "Ticket to Read" contest incentivized reading making it a fun challenge bringing in readers of all ages. For Children 12 and under, reading logs were provided tracking how many minutes had been read. For each line completed (circles represent 15 min of reading, seen below) children could claim a small prize from our summer reading prize cart and when the sheet was complete they would be entered into a raffle for a \$ 50 Target gift card. The Teens and Adults did not have to track their minutes read but provided individual tickets for each book completed. By submitting tickets of titles read the teens were entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Amazon gift card and the adults could win one of five themed baskets created by the Library staff. The 2024 Summer Reading Campaign was a great success by helping children keep their reading skills sharp, generating interest in the library and books and encouraging reading become a lifelong habit.

**Julia Boyer Reinstein Library**

**ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**SUMMER READING LOGS**  
For Kids (Ages 0-12)

Pick up a reading log at the JBR Library info desk and record every 15 minutes you read. When you finish a row, bring in your log for a prize! When you complete the whole log, bring it in for a bigger prize and a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

**Contest runs until Monday August 19th.**



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**ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**TICKET TO READ**  
For Adults (Ages 18+)

Fill out a ticket for each book you read this summer and return it to the JBR Library for a chance to win a prize basket of your choice!

**Contest runs until Monday August 19th.**

**AVAILABLE PRIZE BASKETS:**

#1 ART	#2 READING	#3 GARDEN	#4 LOTTERY	#5 PUZZLE
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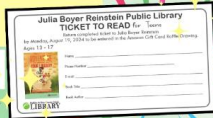
**Julia Boyer Reinstein Library**

**ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**TICKET TO READ**  
For Teens (Ages 13-17)

Fill out a ticket for each book you read this summer and return it to the JBR Library for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card!

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## Summer Reading Overview for the Cheektowaga Public Libraries

- **Four hundred and fifty** children under 12 years of age read for 141,330 minutes (23, 55.5 hours) this summer.
- **Twenty four** teens read 72 books
- **One hundred and eighty six** adults read 1,206 books

	<u># of reader's</u>	<u># of titles read</u>	<u># of minutes read</u>
Children's reading logs	JBR - 315	N/A	82,530
	REI - 135		58,800
Ticket to read Teens	JBR - 20	54	N/A
	REI - 4	18	
Ticket to Read Adults	JBR - 110	1,018	N/A
	REI - 76	188	

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## Summer Reading Programs

	<u># of Programs</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>
<b><u>Children</u></b>		
JBR	27	469
REI	12	122
<b><u>Teens</u></b>		
JBR	120	161
REI	0	0
<b><u>Adults</u></b>		
JBR	29	241
REI	9	44
<b><u>Intergenerational</u></b>		
Includes children's/teen summer Make-N-Takes and scavenger hunts		
JBR	1538	1933
REI	395	448



Julia Boyer Reinstein Library

August 27 at 10:00 AM  
 Congratulations to the winners of our Children's, Teen, and Adult Summer Reading Raffles! We hope you enjoy your well-earned prizes!  
 And thank you to everyone who participated in this summer's reading contests at the JBR Library! Please follow us for information on future events, contests, and raffles!

## Outreach

- August 10 - Director Dan Caufield spoke at a Small Business workshop for the Small Business Administration Starting & Managing Your Own Business program at the WEDI West side Bazaar. Caufield demonstrated Library resources entrepreneurs could use online which will help them strategically plan for a successful future.

## 2. Collections: Development and Use

### Highlights:

- Throughout July and August Librarians from both Cheektowaga Libraries weeded and ordered materials for their respective collections.

## 3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### a. Facilities:

July 3 - William Fenzl generously donated a map table for the Children's area at the Anna M. Reinstein Library



July 10 - Johnson System Controls was able to repair a boiler leak. Fortunately, the boilers were off for the summer and are now ready for the fall and winter seasons.

**b. Technology**  
NA

**6. Partnerships, Meetings / Future Planning / Special Projects**

July 3 - Director Caufield met with System Director John Spears, Tracy Palicki, and Emily Patronik from the Central Library's Business Office to discuss the 2025 budget. The 2025 budget stands to be the same as the previous year with no changes to the staff but with an increase in programming monies of \$1000 per library to be used as needed.

July 11 - Director Caufield met with Cheektowaga Town Engineer Paul Piwowarski and Structural Engineer Robert Stellanou from Trautman Associates at the Anna M. Reinstein Library. A review of the roof was conducted and structural support covers were inspected. Trautman Associates will be citing a price for rehabilitation, which will be included in bids for a forthcoming construction project.

July 18 - Director Caufield met with Nick Bonarek from the NYS Dept. of Labor and arranged for a Job Fair to be held at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on Sept. 18 from 11am - 1pm.

July 19 & August 29 - Director Caufield met with Hiedi Ziemer from the WNY Library Resource Council in a planning meeting to offer entrepreneurs a day to learn about what it takes to start and run a business in the arts. On Monday Oct. 28, there will be a daylong conference at the Central Library. Director Caulfield along with other lecturers will inform artists how to strategically plan for success using free business resources provided by the Library. The following month, taking what they learned at the conference, the artist will table at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library during a Craft/ Art fair on Saturday November 30.

July 25 - Director Caufield met with Cheektowaga Town Supervisor Brian Nowak to discuss the Anna M. Reinstein roof repairs. Supervisor Nowak was very responsive to the needs of the Library and committed to matching funds from the New York State Library Construction program. On August 27 the Cheektowaga Town Board authorized a resolution to provide \$197,000 dollars matching what the Cheektowaga Public Libraries will be seeking through a NYS Library Construction grant.

August 12 - With cooperation from the Adult System Services Librarian Carol Kwalchek-Happy, Director Caufield was able to secure musicians to play for Hispanic Heritage month. On Sunday September 22, musicians Stephen Guerra (guitar) and Titus Stevens



(mandolin) will be playing Choro: Upbeat Brazilian Instrumental Music from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in a free concert for patrons.

August 15 - Director Caufield attended a meeting of the Erie County Department of Health. The meeting was to introduce services Erie County provides free for residents. Through this meeting, Caufield was able to secure a community NARCAN training session for the Anna M. Reinstein Library from Jordan Frank, Training and Outreach Coordinator in the Office of Harm Reduction at the Erie County Department of Health.

August - With the resignation of PT Librarian Christine Webb (leaving for a full time position), interviews were conducted throughout the beginning of August and Heidi Bofigner was hired as the new part time Librarian at the Anna M. Reinstein Library. Joan Butrch, Part-Time Clerk also resigned (retiring) and Judith Edmister was hired as the new Part-time Clerk at the Anna M. Reinstein Library.