



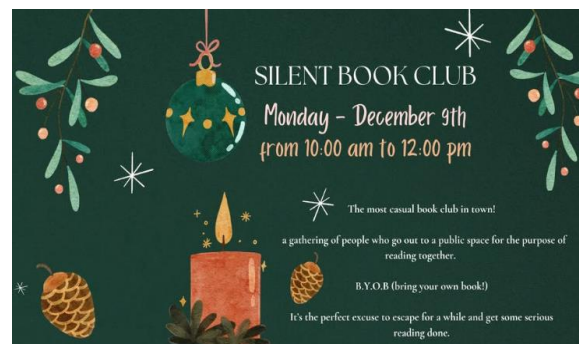
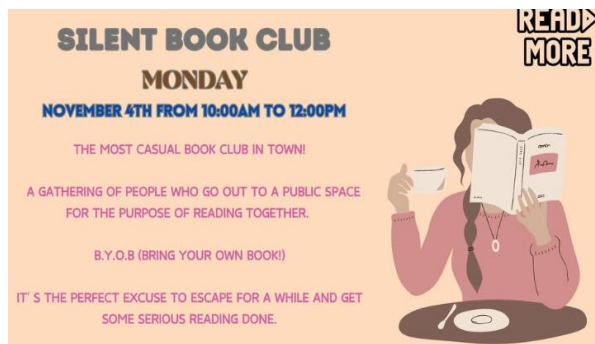
Monthly Report for the
Cheektowaga Public Libraries (CPL)
November/December 2024

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- November 4 and December 9 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Silent Book Club. The Silent Book Club allows readers to briefly discuss what they are reading and then read quietly in the Library. Attendees like this event as it gives them a chance to read uninterrupted whereas if they were home other distractions would stop them from just sitting and reading.



- Starting November 1 and running until December 14 both Cheektowaga Libraries hosted a fundraising basket raffle. Through this raffle, the Cheektowaga Libraries were able to raise over \$1000, which will be used for programming in 2025. Our patrons expressed great interest in this fundraiser and were eager to help fund local library programming while having the chance to win themed baskets filled with excellent prizes.



Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library
Just now

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Winter Raffle in November and December 2024. Here are a few pictures of some of the winners. Have a happy 2025!



Julia Boyer Reinstein Library
21h

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Winter Raffle this year. Here are some pictures of the winners. Have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New year!



- November 15 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a photo exhibition for teens completing their fall photography semester with photographer Sara Tuttle of FortyTwo Photo LLC. Fourteen teens learned how to use a camera, modify images physically and electronically and create exhibit boards to share with friends and family during the exhibit. The event was very well received and Ms. Tuttle looks forward to the spring semester once again using the Library as her learning center.



- November 16 - Librarian Jeff Matracisia hosted a trivia night at the Anna M. Reinstein Library. Patrons participated in five rounds of trivia across various topics, with the final round being literature and worth double points. The winner took home a prize of their choice, which ended up being a selection of puzzles.



Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library

November 13 at 6:41PM · 🌐



Please join us for our Trivia Contest on Saturday, November 16th at 2pm. There will be a prize! Please call to register and make sure you arrive on time.

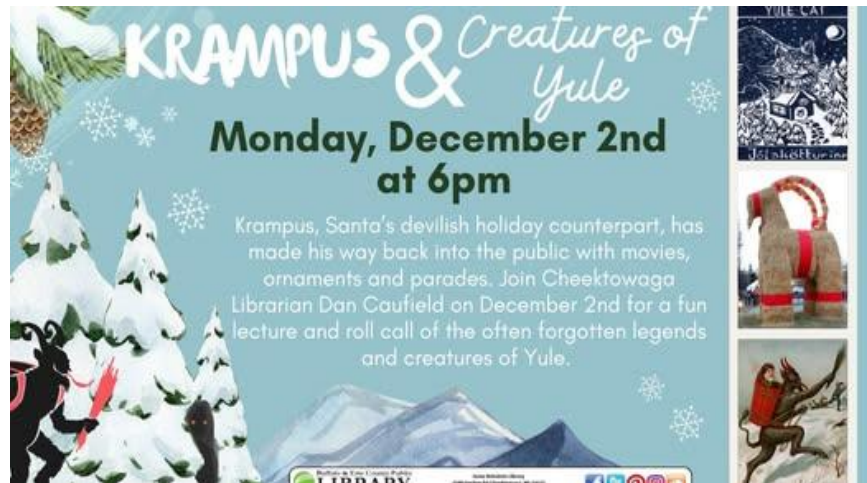


- November 25 - Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a holiday adult craft event. Librarian Laura Scott instructed attendees on how to make sock gnomes. These were very popular and attendees truly enjoyed making them for the holidays.



December

- December 2 - Director Dan Caufield led attendees around the world with a discussion of the many forgotten creatures and personalities of Yule who sometimes make their way back into our modern Christmas celebrations. The attendees enjoyed the talk asking many questions about folklore, Krampus, solstice celebrations and Yule



- December 9 - The Mothers Club of Buffalo held their monthly meeting at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library and brought in musician Ray Braselton to entertain with Holiday songs. Attendees, both members of the Mothers Club and Library patrons, joined in on the holiday music and sang along.



- Early Bird and Night Owl story times at the Anna M. Reinstein Library led by Librarian Heidi Bowfinger and Preschool Story-Time led by Librarian Kathy Goodrich at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library continue and keep the kids' active and engaged.



- December 9 and 16 - Anna M. Reinstein YES Craft and Lego nights were well attended as usual but the December 5th and 12th YES Craft and Lego nights at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library were cancelled due to poor weather.



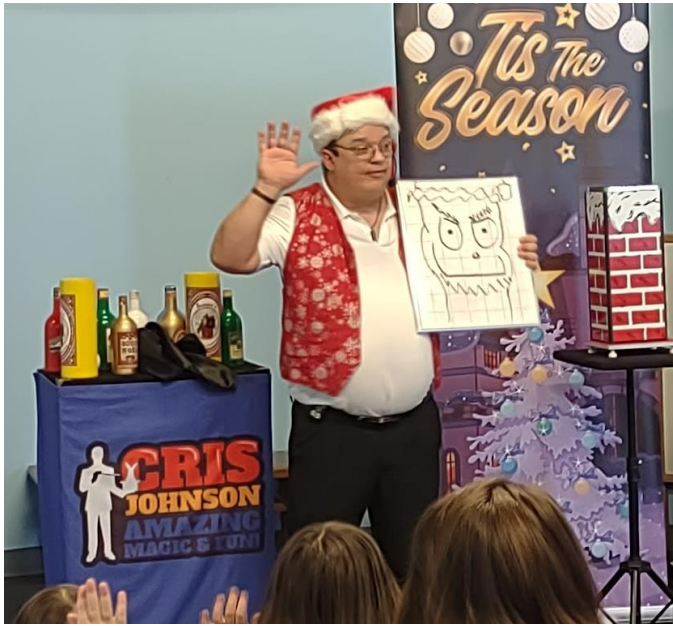
- December 14 & 16 - Thanks to the generous time from textile expert Judith Wypij. Both CPL Libraries have offered crocheting classes for children teens and adults.

- December 17 - After winter storms, the Reinstein Yeti sometimes greets us. Noticed at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library by the children in the Kids space, the Yeti took time to say hello and read some quick stories to everyone present.



- December 21 - The Cheektowaga Libraries (both Anna and Julia) hosted a Christmas Magic show by Chris Johnson. After a very entertaining show, children created candy Christmas trees along with other crafts and had a chance to meet with Santa who stopped by to say hello before his long journey around the world.







- November 27 & December 30 - The Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library hosted Family Game Nights. Families and individual patrons came to play a selection of games including Ticket to Ride, Villainous, and Scrabble, as well as enjoy refreshments.


Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library
 November 26 at 1:43 PM · 🌐

Don't miss family game night tomorrow at the RE!!
 A selection of familiar board games will be available and a librarian will be there if you want to try something new!
 Snacks and drinks will be provided!
 Call 716-892-8089 or stop in to register!



Wed, Nov 27
Family Game Night

- December 27 – The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Noon Year's Eve Party for 12 and under. Librarian Kathy Goodrich welcomed in the New Year with over 50 attendees, who danced, played games, made crafts and celebrated 2025 with a noontime balloon drop.



Outreach

- December 4 - Director Dan Caufield spoke at a SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives) Small Business workshop at Daemen University. Director Caufield's part in the workshop was to introduce the free resources the Library offers to entrepreneurs starting or running an existing business.
- December 17 - Librarian Carol Veach spent the day meeting students and speaking about the Library at Maryvale Intermediate School. Carol met with several classrooms reaching over 170 students. Working with the schools Librarian over a hundred new library cards were issued and many of the students were seen throughout the month checking out books for the first time.

2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

- All funding has been spent for 2024's collection development budget.

Displays

- November 18 - Partnering with University at Buffalo's Department of Information Science, Library school student Mariel Buchtman created and set up an engineering display for children in the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library's Kids space. The book display and building challenges featuring Mega Blocks have been very popular with children exploring the Library and its activities.



Other displays paid tribute to veterans for Veterans Day, Native American Heritage Month (and Indigenous Peoples Day) Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa and many holidays celebrated this time of year.



- November 30 - The Anna Reinstein Memorial Library staff installed the *Proud Lion* display in the library's exterior display case. *Proud Lion* is the first large-scale "Community Colors" coloring project completed by staff from the Anna Reinstein Memorial and Julia Boyer Reinstein Libraries. The project consists of a single digital image of a lion enlarged across multiple sheets of 8.5 x 11 in. paper. Library staff members from REI and JBR worked throughout November to color individual portions of the image using crayons, colored pencils, and markers. The portions were assembled against a black background in the display case and surrounded by smaller colored versions of the lion image. Librarian Matthew Best started this project as a creative team building activity for our staff members. He hopes to enlist library patrons in future "Community Colors" projects in conjunction with the 2025 NY State Library's Collaborative Summer Library Program "Color Our World."



3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Facilities:

December 12 - Johnson Control Technicians replaced the motor for the secondary boiler at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Both boilers are working well and having only one boiler did not affect heating in any way so there was no disruption in Library services.

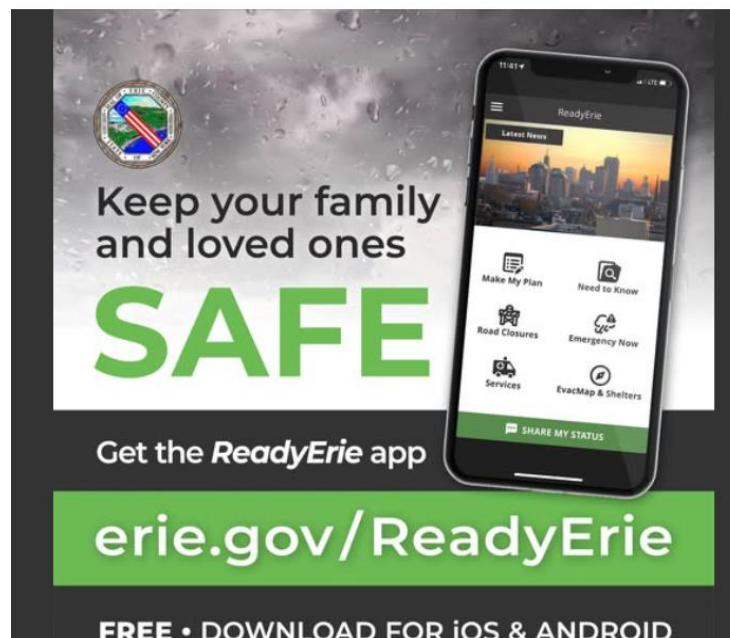
b. Technology

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6. Partnerships, Meetings / Future Planning / Special Projects

- November 13 - Director Dan Caufield attended a meeting of the Cheektowaga Community Collaborative at “The Chapel” (200 Thruway Plaza Dr. Cheektowaga, NY). The Community Collaborative represents many of the Town of Cheektowaga’s works and services departments and Non-Profits who seek to answer the needs of Cheektowaga’s residents. The programming Director of The Chapel presented an overview of how the church was answering the needs of food disparity in the area through newly open food pantries and Little Free Food stations. Attendees were very happy to see the Library represented as it has traditionally been a solid partner in hosting and advertising initiatives that help everyone in the region.
- November 15 to 30 - Collaborating with Erie County’s Live Well Committee, both Cheektowaga Libraries have advertised free apps created to help the residents of Erie County stay safe during emergency weather conditions.

Download the FREE ReadyErie app to get critical information & emergency alerts, locate Erie County's emergency shelters and more. <http://erie.gov/readyerie>



- December 18 - The Cheektowaga public libraries helped the New York State Dept. of Labor with a Virtual Career Fair. Hundreds of Job seekers attended virtually participating in online meet and greets with employers with many finding jobs after an online interview.



Western NY Regional Virtual Career Fair
Wednesday
December 18th, from 11am to 2pm

Pre-Register today:
<https://nysdolvirtual2.easyvirtuallfair.com>

ATTENDING BUSINESSES

UPS	Safra Aerossystems Oxygen Systems
NYS Department of Civil Service	US
The Resource Center	Independent Health
NYS OPWDD - WNY	DMIC
Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES	Construction Exchange of WNY
Intandem	BankOnBuffalo
The Arc Allegany Steuben	WNY Independent Living
Erie County Department of Social Services	SUNY ATTAIN LAB
The Chautauqua Center	And more!
The Home Depot	
NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation - Allegany Region	
Bryant and Stratton College	
STA	
Supplemental Health Care	
NYS Department of Motor Vehicles	
FREE TRAINING on Coursera by NYS DOL	

MAKE SURE TO PRE-REGISTER AND UPLOAD YOUR RESUME FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT, CONTACT VIRTUALJOBFAIRS@LABOR.NY.GOV

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Western | Department of Labor

- Throughout November and December Director Dan Caufield met with B&ECPL system staff and provided a grant request (\$17,000) for programming and equipment funding offered by the system through its “Resources to Improve Libraries” grant. Requests for new comfortable seating for both libraries along with programming supplies that focus on science and the arts were submitted. Requests will be reviewed and award amounts will be announced in the spring of 2025.
- Throughout November and December Director Dan Caufield met members of the Small Business Administration and SCORE to plan and organize an event at the Buffalo Convention Center entitled “Entrepreneurial Edge”. This day long conference for entrepreneurs will assist both established and starting entrepreneurs in the region learn how to run a successful business, allow them to network and learn about free and low cost services that can be of benefit. The event will be held on January 18 and Director Caufield will be staffing a library table and speaking about Library resources.