

Monthly Report for the  
Cheektowaga Public Libraries (CPL)  
September 2024

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- September 4 – SCORE (The Service Corp of Retired Executives) presented a morning workshop on Starting and Running Your Business at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Twenty-two potential entrepreneurs learned the basics of starting a business and met mentors who could provide guidance. Director Dan Caufield spoke to the attendees about the free resources the Library offers and signed up anyone who did not already have a Library card.
- September 18 & 30 – The Western New York Lace Guild offered free Bobbin Lace Classes at both the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (Sept. 18) and Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library (Sept. 30). Attendees learned the basics of Bobbin Lace by making lace bookmarks.

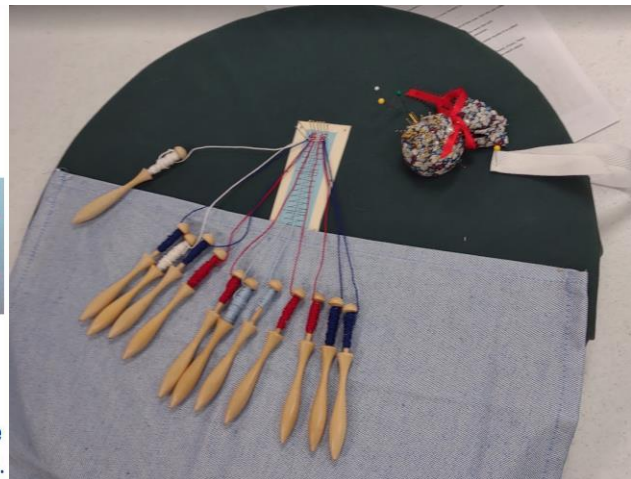
**Free Bobbin Lace Class**

 **Thurs. August 29, 2 PM - 3:30 PM or  
Weds. Sept 18, 6 PM - 7:30 PM**  
Julia Boyer Reinstein Library  
1030 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
716-668-4991

 **Tuesday Sept 24, 6:30 PM - 8 PM**  
Audubon Library  
350 John J. Audubon Pkwy, Amherst, NY 14228  
716-689-4922

 **Monday Sept 30, 1 PM - 2:30 PM**  
Anna Reinstein Memorial Library  
2580 Harlem Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
716-892-8089

Learn the basics making a bookmark. Register for one of these free classes. Email: [WNYLaceGuild@gmail.com](mailto:WNYLaceGuild@gmail.com) or call, places are limited.





- September 18 - Collaborating with the Department of Labor, The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Job Fair. Thirty-two local employers meet with over a hundred and seventy five attendees. From these meetings many attendees arranged interviews at a later date but a few individuals were hired at the Job Fair itself. The Cheektowaga Libraries will continue this fruitful partnership with the Department of Labor and look forward to the next Job Fair in February.





# Job Fair

**Sept. 18, 2024 11am-1pm**

**Julia Boyer Reinstein Library**  
 1030 Losson Road  
 Cheektowaga, NY

Join us at our highly anticipated Job Fair!

This event presents an incredible opportunity for job seekers to connect with leading companies to explore a wide range of career options. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to kick-start your professional journey

Prepare your resume ahead of time, dress for success, and take the first steps towards a fulfilling career!




**Attending Companies**

- Surge Staffing
- Buffalo Wire Works
- JM Smucker/ Milk-Bone
- Cabela's
- United States Postal Service
- Catholic Health
- UA Local 22 Plumbers and Steamfitters
- McKesson
- Zenner & Ritter
- NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Buffalo Games
- Community Services for Every1
- Erie County Personnel
- AVOX Systems Inc. dba Safran Aerosystems Oxygen Systems US
- Hearts for the Homeless
- defi SOLUTIONS
- Viant Medical
- FBI
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Allied Universal
- Pallet Services Inc
- New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF)
- Latina Boulevard Foods, LLC.
- Delta Sonic Car Wash
- New Directions Youth and Family Services
- Sherwood Electromotion Inc.
- Steuben Foods
- Orville's Home Appliance



Job Fair at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library



- September 22 - In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library offered a free Sunday concert featuring musicians Stephen Guerra and Titus Stevens. The Sunday concert was a wonderful success with Mr. Guerra (guitar) and Stevens (mandolin) offering an acoustic sampling of Choro music, upbeat Brazilian jazz music for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**JULIA REINSTEIN LIBRARY PRESENTS**

**MUSICIANS STEPHEN GUERRA (GUITAR) AND TITUS STEVENS (MANDOLIN)**

**DATE AND TIME:**  
**SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 2PM [SUNDAY]**

They will be playing Choro: Upbeat Brazilian Instrumental Music from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil




- September 25 - The Anna Reinstein Memorial Library, partnering with the Erie County Department of Health, sponsored a NARCAN training workshop. The opioid epidemic is still lingering in Erie County and the use of NARCAN saves lives. Zachary Kay from the Department of Health provided an overview on the County's activities stemming the opioid crisis and showed how NARCAN can resuscitate an individual who may have suffered an overdose. The meeting was well received with attendees able to leave informed, prepared and empowered to render aid in cases of opioid overdose. Libraries have been said to give second chances and there is no greater second chance than to save a life.
- September 24 - Anna Reinstein Memorial Library hosted a health and wellness program in partnership Just Say Yes. Just Say Yes (JSY) is a NYS initiative dedicated to empowering adults and families to make informed food choices. During the workshop, Angie Braun, a nutritionist from Just Say Yes, reviewed techniques to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into cooking. She demonstrated a recipe for participants with samples for tasting. All the recipes Ms. Braun presents are low in cost and have SNAP recipients in mind.

*Just Say Yes*  
**TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WORKSHOP**  
**SEPT. 24TH AT 1 PM**

Community Nutrition Educators

Workshops include a recipe demonstration, tasting samples, educational and interactive discussion as well as a free kitchen tool or utensil as a thank you to our participants.  
**Registration Required. Call (716) 892-8089.**

Buffalo & Erie County Public LIBRARY  
 Anna Reinstein Library  
 2580 Harlem Rd Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
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- September 28 - Anna Reinstein Memorial Library hosted a free Pumpkin Patch Family Fun program. The program included scarecrow crafts, petting zoo animals, games, a magic show, and real pumpkins for all the children that attended. The programs activities were provided in coordination with Creative Learning Productions.

**PUMPKIN PATCH**

**MAGIC SHOW, PUMPKIN PATCH, CRAFTS, AND MORE!**

**SEPTEMBER 28TH 1-3PM**

Call (716) 892-8089 or stop in to sign up. Registration is required. Space and supplies are limited. Anna M Reinstein Library at 2580 Harlem Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

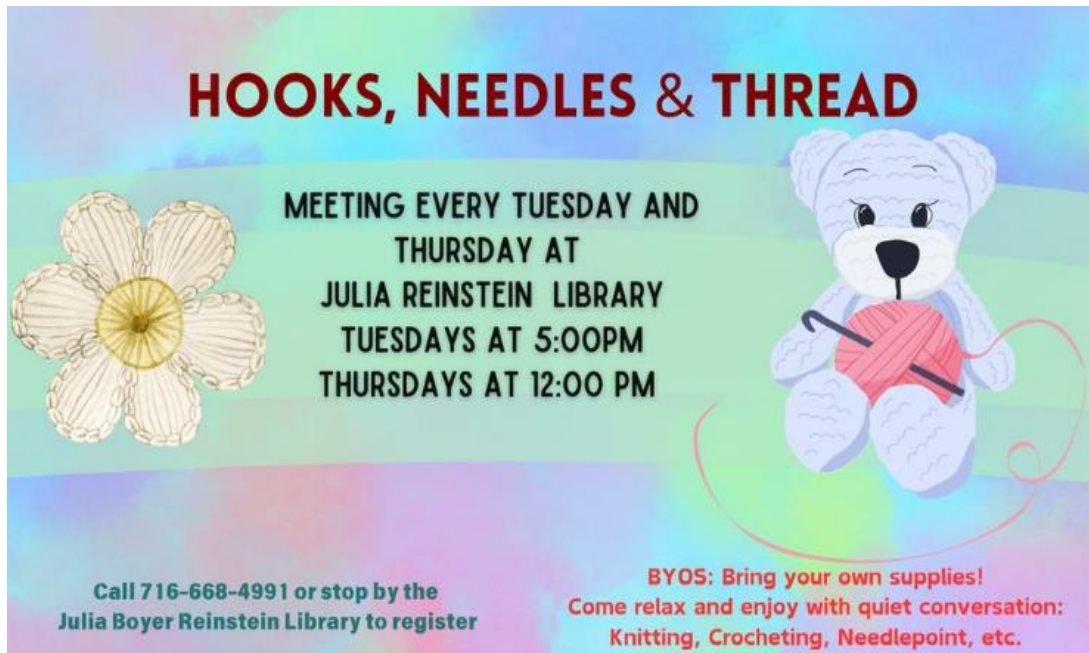
## The Pumpkin Patch at Anna Reinstein Library



- **September 30** - Laura Scott coordinated the September Adult Craft program at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library with the theme "Tiny Art". Attendees were given 2" x 2" and 3" x 3" canvases to fill with their inspirations.



- Throughout September, the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library coordinated “Hooks, Needles and Thread” a knitting workshop and get together where members enjoy each other's company while sharing knitting tips and displaying projects. Due to the popularity and changing schedules of a few attendees an additional afternoon was added to Tuesdays at 5pm. Twisted Stitches and Beginner and Intermediate Knitting hours at both Libraries continue with the help of local knitting volunteer Judy Wipej.



- Continuing the partnership with Cheektowaga Y.E.S (Youth Engaged in Service), both Cheektowaga Libraries hosted Lego Clubs and Craft Nights for children under 12 years old coordinated by area teens volunteers. Both these programs are very well liked by attendees and they provide community service hours required for the teens’ graduations, and are an excellent opportunity for them to make new friends and gain leadership experience.



## Outreach:

- September 13 - Director Caufield met with Buffalo and Cheektowaga students at Erie Community College with other Astronomers, Storytellers and STEM Teachers to explore our solar system and prepare the students for NASA's Observe the Moon Day. Observe the Moon Day, held September 14, is a yearly event promoted by NASA to instill interest in the moon and astronomy in general.



- September 17 - Director Caufield spoke at "Arts and Entrepreneurs", a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) event held at Buffalo State University. Caufield's presentation featured free library resources entrepreneurs can use to build a business plan and conduct market research. Many attendees were happy to learn about these resources and those without Library cards were able to sign up that night to explore how the Library can help grow their businesses.

## 2. Collections: Development and Use

### Highlights:

- Both Cheektowaga Libraries are updating Large Print collections thanks to a generous donation from Christine Cywinski



## Displays:

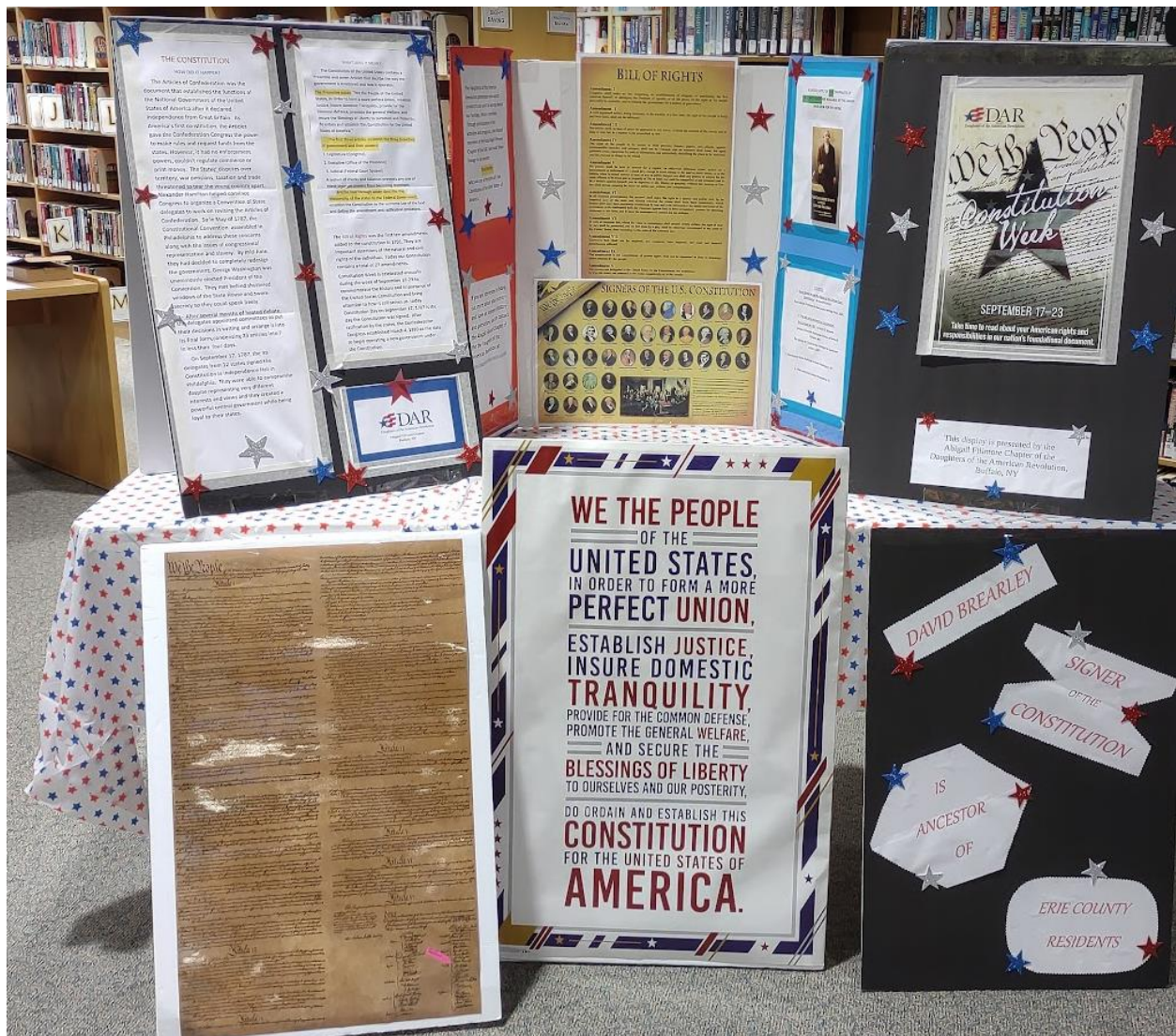
With the American Synchronized Swim Team winning Silver at this year's Summer Olympics, the SwimKins Synchronized Swimming club created a display explaining the sport and contact information for children to learn synchronized swimming at their Maryvale practices.



- The League of Women Voters created a display to inform voters on important dates and issues being voted on this coming November.



- Celebrating Constitution Day (Sept. 17) the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) created a display featuring the history and importance of this living document. Free pocket Constitutions were available to patrons to take thanks to the generosity of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



### 3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### a. Facilities:

- Johnson Control HVAC visited both Cheektowaga Libraries for general maintenance checkups of the boiler in preparation of cooler temperatures.

#### b. Technology

NA

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

- September 7 - Librarian Heidi Bofinger joined the staff at Anna Reinstein Memorial Library, filling the vacant role of Librarian I, part-time. Heidi has her MLS degree from University at Buffalo and was previously a Librarian Assistant at B&ECPL's Boston Free Public Library. Heidi will be stepping into the role of Children's Librarian at the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library continuing our story hour programs starting in October. Our staff is delighted to have Heidi on our team!
- September 9 - 22 - The Cheektowaga Libraries participated in Project Flight's annual "Books for Kids" book drive. Books for Kids collects new children's books from the Western New York community and distributes them to needy children who would not otherwise have a chance to own a book of their own. Anna Reinstein Memorial Library received 53 donated new books and Julia Boyer Reinstein Library received 28 donated new books during the drive.

