



**Monthly Report for the
Cheektowaga Public Libraries (CPL)
May 2024**

Congratulations

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- May 8 - Celebrating May as "Small Business Month", the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a business development workshop for companies selling Business to Business or looking to work with government agencies. SCORE Buffalo/Niagara trainers presented the basics on working with Request for Proposals, Request for Quotations, and Request for Information. Director Dan Caufield also spoke on the Libraries resources to help these aspiring entrepreneurs.
- May 13 - the Cheektowaga Garden Club hosted a free lecture at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library entitled "Native Landscaping and Invasive Species: How You Can Help in Your Home Landscape," presented by Kristen Rosenberg of Reinstein Woods. The event was very well received with over 60 attendees enjoying the lecture and winning free perennial door prizes provide by the Cheektowaga Garden Club.

A promotional flyer for a lecture. On the left, there are three overlapping photographs: a person in blue gloves working in a garden, a small plant in a pot, and a person using a tool in a garden. The text on the right is as follows:

THE CHEEKTOWAGA GARDEN CLUB
is hosting a lecture
"Native Landscaping and Invasive Species:
How you can help in your home landscape."
presented by Kristen Rosenburg of Reinstein Woods
MONDAY, MAY 13th
Doors open at 6pm
Lecture starts at 6:15pm
Free Refreshments and Door Prizes
Location:
Julia Boyer Reinstein Library
1030 Losson Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
Call (716) 668-4991 or RSVP at the desk.

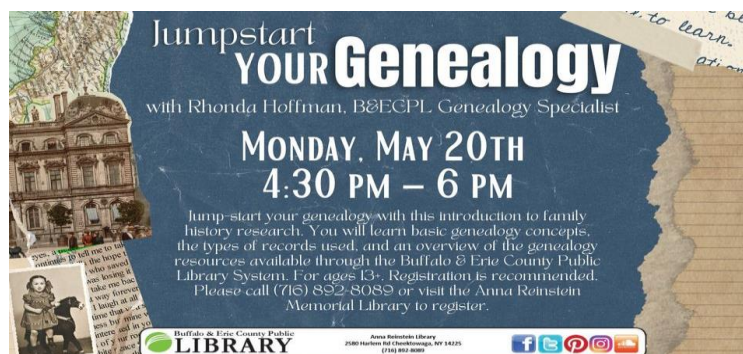
- May 17 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted an event by Assembly Member Monica Wallace recognizing Women of Distinction in our Cheektowaga community. The ceremony recognized several local women whose public service and support for the community earned them the title of "Women of Distinction". The honorees were nominated by fellow community members during March, in recognition of Women's History Month. Assembly Member Wallace stated. "This year, I had the privilege of honoring women who have done incredible work as first responders, community volunteers, educators, advocates, and more. I thank each of the honorees for all that they have done to serve the people of our community." Honored this year were,
 - Dr. Jenifer Willson: a longtime educator who has taught and trained mental health counselors for 25 years.
 - Gwen Mysiak: executive director of the P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative.
 - Cheryl Flick: a local foster parent and founder of the nonprofit WNY Foster Closet.
 - Tiffany Lewis: the founder of Confident Girl Mentoring Program, Inc.
 - Marilyn Nixon: advocate for people with ostomies. Marilyn founded the Buffalo Ostomy Support Group.
 - Stephanie Speaker: advocate for paratransit for people with disabilities for over a decade.
 - Laurie Ferry: Community Engagement Specialist for the Cheektowaga Central School District.



- May 18 - The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library and Anna M. Memorial Library celebrated their Summer Reading kick off with a Magic show by magician Chris Johnson. Chris performed at both libraries (a morning show at Julia Boyer Reinstein Library and an afternoon show at Anna M Reinstein Library) The show was well received by the many attendees and helped launch the summer theme “Adventure Begins at Your Library”. Many signed up for the offered reading challenges at both locations. For Children 11 and under, summer reading logs were handed out and can be returned for small prizes. For Teens and adults “Ticket to Read” forms will allow readers a chance to win Amazon gift certificates and prize baskets and Assembly Member Monica Wallace’s “Adventures in Reading” will recognize young readers with a certificate of completion for reading throughout the summer.



- May 20 - The Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted “Jumpstart Your Genealogy”, a class with Rhonda Hoffman, B&ECPL Genealogy Specialist. Registered patrons were instructed on basic genealogy concepts, the types of records used, and an overview of the genealogy resources available through the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. Attendees dove into their histories and learned how library resources can open up their family’s stories.



Outreach

- Librarian Carol Veach continues her outreach to the Cheektowaga schools by visiting Maryvale Intermediate School. Bringing stories and crafts, Carol introduced the students and teachers to the materials and resources the Library has to offer.
- May 11- Director Dan Caufield participated in a Comic Fest Event at the Lord of Life Center on Genesee Street. Joining members of the WNY Superhero Alliance and the B&ECPL Book Mobile. Dan was able to discuss library collections and resources attendees may enjoy and signed up many as new library card users



2. Collections: Development and Use

Highlights:

At both the Cheektowaga Libraries, mass-market paperbacks were weeded and an order for new paperbacks submitted to freshen up the fiction and mysteries collections.

- Orders for new large-print material were submitted through a Central Library checklist and Director Caufield will be working with the Central Library to exchange large-print titles, again enhancing patron's choice of new fiction.
- Anna Reinstein Library has reorganized graphic novels into the genres manga, superhero stories, and other to improve browsing.
- The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library shifted graphic novels and has increased room in fantasy and science fiction while creating a new horror subject section. All these subject areas are now in one aisle for easy browsing.

3. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Facilities:

- Summer grounds keeping continues at both Cheektowaga Libraries.
- The Cheektowaga Gardening club has weeded and planted new perennials in the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library gardens.

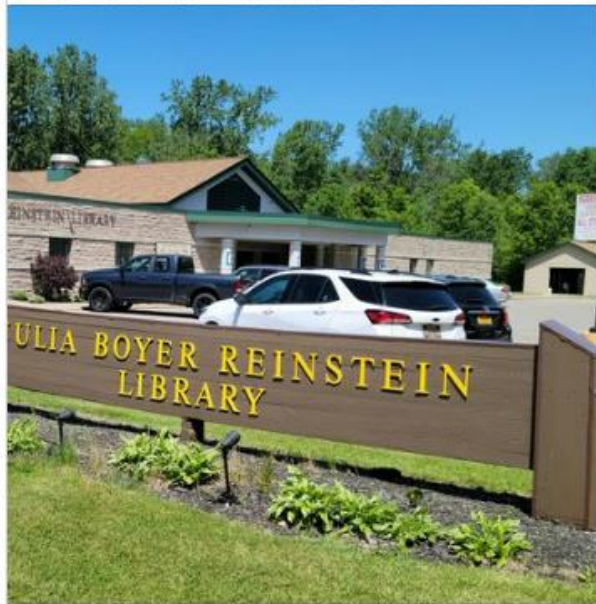
b. Technology

- A review of the Anna M. Reinstein Library's cellular security hardware and software was conducted. New fire and security communicators will be installed, correcting the occasional false alarms received by managers.

4. Partnerships, Meetings / Future Planning / Special Projects

- May 22 - Cheektowaga Lions Club sent a donation of \$500 to the Cheektowaga Libraries.
- May 23 - The Anna M. Reinstein Library hosted "Good Computer Ergonomics and Sitting Wellness", part of a B&ECPL system wide staff safety training series.
- May 30 - Director Dan Caufield and Children's Librarian Kathy Goodrich met Dennis Dulniak from the Nana's Book Foundation, Dr. Dulniak bought a set of children and adult books on Alzheimer's, dementia and other disabilities as a donation from the Foundation. This was the first of Dr. Dulniak's stops as he was also donating over a 1000 books to the Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson schools. These books explain at an age appropriate level what many families go through when a loved one suffers from Alzheimer and dementia. This donation will be used to start a subject specific collection focused on accessibility within the Cheektowaga libraries.





- Both Cheektowaga Libraries continue to partner the Cheektowaga YES volunteers as they facilitate the very popular Lego Club and Craft night activities for both locations.