



Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024  
(DRAFT until Accepted in meeting)

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order - 7:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Review and Approve Agenda  
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Agenda as presented.
- IV. Privilege of the floor
- V. Approval of the minutes of the July 8, 2024, regular Board meeting.  
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the minutes of July 8, 2024, regular Board meeting.
- VI. Personnel Appointments  
Appoint Rosa Pomar Desire from part time library clerk to part time library assistant (children's services)
- VII. Appointment of Vacant Seat on Board of Trustees.  
Action item to be proposed following Board discussion.
- VIII. Amendment of Board of Trustees Bylaws removing residency requirement for the Clerk of the Board/Vote (Section 4 F & G) and proposed alterations to Article IV regarding Board Officer vacancies.  
  
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board amend the Bylaws to remove residency requirement for Clerk of the Board/Vote (Section 4 F & G).  
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board amend Article IV of the Bylaws to provide new procedure for handling Board Officer vacancies. Proposed new article will read as follows:  
If an officer resigns or is otherwise unable to continue as an officer, a majority (4) vote of the Board can appoint another Board member to immediately fill that position until the next regular reorganization meeting.
- IX. Appointment of Clerk of the Board and Clerk of the Vote.  
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board appoint Emilia Estep as Clerk of the Board and Clerk of the Vote for the 2025 Library Election.

- X. Finances
  - a. Financial report for June 2024 – Jack Denman, Finance  
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the financial report for June 2024 as presented.
  - b. Warrant Schedule for June 2024  
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the June 2024 warrant schedule as presented.
  - c. Toshiba contract
  
- XI. Director’s Report—Joslyn Bowling Dixon, Interim Library Director
  
- XII. Committee Reports
  - a. Standing Committees
    - i. Physical Resources Committee - None
    - ii. Community Resources Committe - None
    - iii. Human Resources – Executive Session Update
    - iv. Sunshine Committee - None
  - b. Ad Hoc Committee
    - i. Historical Society Committee
    - ii. Bylaws Committee
  
- XIII. Reports from Partner Groups
  - a. Friends Liasion—Trustee Jim Langlois
  - b. Junior Friends Liasion—Trustee Jim Langlois
  
- XIV. New Business
  
- XV. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters  
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter executive session
  
- XVI. Privilege of the floor
  
- XVII. Report of Trustee Continuing Education Credits

Next Regular Meeting: September 9, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the bylaws of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society, any member of the public, present at the meeting, may speak during privilege of the floor. The Chair of the meeting shall designate a maximum amount of time for privilege of the floor in order to run the meeting in an efficient manner. Comments may not personally denigrate staff or Board members. Attendees’ behavior shall be held to the Library Rules of Conduct.

Members of the public wishing to speak will be recognized by the Chair and be asked to stand, state their name and address for the record, and face the Board when making their comments.



Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting of July 8, 2024

**DRAFT**

I. Call to order

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society (GPLHS) was called to order by President Tina Fortugno at 7:02 p.m. on July 8, 2024.

Attendance

Board members present: Tina Fortugno, Bob Quinn, Jim Langlois, Emily Collado, Heather LaBruna.

Absent: Michael Panzer

Also in Attendance: Jack Denman, finance manager

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review and Approve Agenda

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the July 8, 2024, agenda as amended.

- a. Adding clarification for item No. VII: 2 % raises for staff for fiscal year 2024-2025 shall apply to all staff EXCEPT those hired in June 2024 and after.
- b. Adding an action item authorizing Finance Manager Jack Denman to move up to \$150,000 from NYLAF to Key checking account each month, July-September.
- c. Adding Friends of the Library news in item No. XIII.

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Collado. (Approved 5-0-0)

IV. Privilege of the floor - none

V. Review and approve meeting minutes

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the minutes of June 10, 2024, regular Board meeting, and June 17, 2024, special Board meeting as amended.

- a. Clarification that during privilege of the floor in the June 10 meeting, it was the handle of the box that contains the fire extinguisher that was missing a handle pin. It has since been fixed.

Motion: Trustee Collado. Seconded by Trustee Quinn. (Approved 5-0-0)

VI. Finances

In addition to the June 2024 financial report, Finance Manager Jack Denman highlighted that the GPLHS is under budget on the salary line. Denman also reported that the GPLHS has earned \$23,541 in NYLAF interest YTD. President Fortugno requested a breakdown of grants in next month's financial report, particularly for technology grants. Denman said he will include this information in next month's financial report and include a similar breakdown for pilots, as well.

- a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the financial report for June 2024 as

presented.

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Quinn. (Approved 5-0-0)

- b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the June 2024 warrant schedule as presented.

Motion: Trustee Collado. Seconded by Trustee Quinn. (Approved 5-0-0)

- c. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve proposal authorizing Finance Manager Jack Denman to transfer funds from NYLAF to Key account, up to \$150,000 each month in July, August and September.

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Collado. (Approved 5-0-0)

#### VII. Staff Raises

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board formally adopt a 2% raise for all staff hired before June 2024 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 with the understanding that any additional raise negotiated as part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA would be retroactively applied to the beginning of the fiscal year.

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Quinn (Approved 5-0-0)

#### VIII. Executive Session

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter executive session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Motion: Trustee Collado. Seconded by Trustee Langlois. (Approved 5-0-0)

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit executive session at 8:30 p.m. Action taken (see item “a” under “New Business”).

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Quinn. (Approved 5-0-0)

#### IX. New Business

- a. [Action item] RESOLVED, as proposed during Executive Session, that the Board appoint Joslyn Bowling Dixon to the position of interim director of the GPLHS under terms of a draft Memorandum of Understanding, contingent upon review of legal counsel.

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Collado. (Approved 5-0-0)

- b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board appoint Linda Hannigan as Library Treasurer.

Motion: Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by Trustee Collado. (Approved 5-0-0)

- c. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter into contract with RW Schultz CPA for accounting services for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Quinn. (Approved 5-0-0)

- X. Personnel Appointments – See “item “a” under New Business.

#### XI. Reorganization of Board Governance

The Board’s Nominating Committee offers the following slate of officers:

President: Tina Fortugno

Vice President: Emily Collado

These candidates join the previously approved officers, Bob Quinn, Auditor of the Bills, and Heather LaBruna, Secretary of the Board

Secretary of the Board Heather LaBruna cast the sole vote for the slate of officers as presented.

XII. Committee Assignments

Trustees have volunteered for the following committees:

a. Standing Committees

- i. Physical Resources Committee: Trustees Panzer, Quinn and Langlois
- ii. Community Resources Committee: Trustee Panzer
- iii. Human Resources: Trustees Langlois and Collado (Ad hoc: President Fortugno)
- iv. Sunshine Committee: Trustee Collado

b. Ad Hoc Committee

- i. Historical Society Committee – Trustees Quinn and LaBruna
- ii. Bylaws Committee – ad hoc

XIII. Reports from partner groups

- a. Friends of the GPLHS: The Friends raised more than \$2,000 during their Great American Weekend book sale, which will be used to support library programs and other needs.

XIV. Bylaw amendments

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board will vote on amending bylaws to remove residency requirement for the Clerk of the Board/Vote, as well as formalizing a process to handle Board officer vacancies at the next regular Board meeting on August 12, 2024.

Motion: Trustee Langlois. Seconded by Trustee Quinn. (Approved 5-0-0)

XV. Privilege of the floor

Melissa Tidd, Goshen, expressed her interest in filling the current Board vacancy.

Lisa Taylor, Circleville, requests that the previous “U” shape table formation be utilized again during Board meetings, which makes it easier to hear Board members speak. Taylor also inquired how soon the new interim director would be available to help set up chain of command.

XVI. Report of Trustee Continuing Education Credits – none

XVII. Adjournment

[Action item] RESOLVED that the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Collado. Seconded by Trustee Langlois. (Approved 5-0-0)

Next Regular Meeting: August 12, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Heather LaBruna, secretary of the Board of Trustees

**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society**

**Statement of Activities**

July 1 - 31, 2024 and YTD Jul 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1				MONTH			YEAR TO DATE				FULL YEAR		FULL YEAR
2				July 24/25	Budget	Over/(Under) Bud	24/25 Act YTD	YTD Bud	Over/(Under) Bud	% of Budget	Budget 24/25	Debt 24/25	% of Budget
3	<b>Income</b>												
4			Real Property Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-		1,954,019		
5			Real Property Taxes-Bond				-	-	-		-	496,194	0%
6			PILOT Revenue	-	5,083	(5,083)	-	5,083	(5,083)	0%	61,000		
7			RCLS Grants	-	417	(417)	-	417	(417)		5,000		
8			Other Grants	-	83	(83)	-	83	(83)		1,000		
9			Library Charges	667	458	209	667	458	209		5,500		
10			Appropriated Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-		40,000		0%
11			Friends of the GPLHS	-	208	(208)	-	208	(208)		2,500		
12			Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		
13			Interest Income	3,064	1,000	2,064	3,064	1,000	2,064		12,000		
14			<b>Total Income</b>	3,731	7,250	(3,519)	3,731	7,250	(3,519)	51%	2,081,019	496,194	0%
15	<b>Expense</b>												
16				<b>(Over)/Under Bud</b>			<b>(Over)/Under Bud</b>						
17			Total Salaries & Wages	80,016	87,176	7,160	80,016	87,176	7,160	92%	1,133,293	-	7%
18			Employee Benefits										
19			FICA	4,910	5,405	495	4,910	5,405	495	91%	70,264		
20			Medicare	1,148	1,264	116	1,148	1,264	116	91%	16,433		
21			Worker's Compensation	-	667	667	-	667	667	0%	8,000		
22			Unemployment Insurance	830	833	3	830	833	3	100%	10,000		
23			Disability Insurance	(70)	583	653	(70)	583	653	-12%	7,000		
24			Health Insurance	14,999	16,417	1,418	14,999	16,417	1,418	91%	197,000		
25			Retiree Health Insurance		-	-	-	-	-	0%			
26			Vision Care	121	125	4	121	125	4		1,500		
27			State Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	102,000		
28			State Retirement-Arrears		-	-					40,000		
29			Direct Deposit Fees	248	100	(148)	248	100	(148)		1,200		
30			<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	22,186	25,394	3,208	22,186	25,394	3,208	87%	453,397	-	5%
31			Library Materials/Services										
32			Books - Adult	71	3,500	3,429	71	3,500	3,429	2%	42,000		
33			Books - Teen	-	500	500	-	500	500	0%	6,000		
34			Books - Juvenile	53	1,333	1,280	53	1,333	1,280	4%	16,000		
35			Reference Databases	-	358	358	-	358	358	0%	4,300		
36			Serials	3,889	667	(3,222)	3,889	667	(3,222)	583%	8,000		
37			AV	-	333	333	-	333	333	0%	4,000		
38			AV - Audio Books	-	333	333	-	333	333	0%	4,000		
39			AV - Audio Music	-	83	83	-	83	83	0%	1,000		
40			Museum Passes	650	150	(500)	650	150	(500)	433%	1,800		
41			E Content	2,768	1,583	(1,185)	2,768	1,583	(1,185)	175%	19,000		
42			<b>Total Library Materials/Services</b>	7,431	8,842	1,411	7,431	8,842	1,411	84%	106,100	-	7%
43			Building	<b>(Over)/Under Bud</b>			<b>(Over)/Under Bud</b>						
44			Equipment	-	200	200	-	200	200	0%	2,400		
45			Building Repairs/Improvement	-	833	833	-	833	833	0%	10,000		
46			Utilities	4,573	4,167	(406)	4,573	4,167	(406)	110%	50,000		
47			Insurance	-	3,433	3,433	-	3,433	3,433	0%	41,200		
48			New Building- Generator	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-		



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**General Fund**  
As of July 31, 2024

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	K	L
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**31-Jul-24**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**Cash - Key - Current year funds**

34,236.40

moved \$150,000  
into Key from NYLAF  
on Aug 6, 2024

**Total Key Balance**

34,236.40

**NYLAF**

651,603.90

**Cash - Orange County Trust**

5,407.11

**Petty Cash**

99.25

**Total Checking/Savings**

691,346.66

**Total Current Assets**

691,346.66

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$ 691,346.66**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Accounts Payable**

2,503.84

**Accrued Expenses**

-

**Real Property Tax Advance**

.

**Payroll Liabilities**

4,853.05

**Total Other Current Liabilities**

7,356.89

**Total Liabilities**

7,356.89

**Equity (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)**

683,989.77

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**\$ 691,346.66**



Goshen Public Library & Historical Society  
Statement of Cash Position  
Capital Fund at 07/31/24

Cash accounts	Balance
Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan (CFOS)	60,785.05
Total cash available	\$ 60,785.05

**NO CAPITAL ACTIVITY**

Goshen Public Library and Historical Society  
Board Warrant Schedule  
August 6, 2024

07/09/2024	19001	Greenwald & Doherty LLP	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services-CSEA matters	2,559.00
07/15/2024	19002	Eileen Stelljes	Programs-Adult Programs	195.00
07/16/2024	19003	M & T Bank	Credit Card	2,600.00
07/16/2024	19004	RCLS General	Electronic Resources-IT Services/Reference Databases	75.00
07/17/2024	19005	Boscobel	Library Materials-Memberships Dues	150.00
07/17/2024	19006	Charles DeYoe	Administrative Expenses-Continuing Education	18.02
07/17/2024	19007	Frontier Communications-NY	Administrative Expenses-Telephone	147.76
07/17/2024	19008	RCLS General	Electronic Resources-ILS/Computer Hardware	6,476.01
07/17/2024	19009	ShelterPoint	Employee Benefits-Vision	128.30
07/17/2024	19010	Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation	Library Materials-Memberships Dues	500.00
07/17/2024	19011	TK Elevator Corporation	Building-Building Services	1,287.00
07/24/2024	19012	Baker & Taylor Books	Library Materials-Books-Adult/Juvenile/Teen	1,495.36
07/11/2024	19014	CSEA, Inc.	Employee Benefits-Union Dues	412.36
07/25/2024	19015	CSEA, Inc.	Employee Benefits-Union Dues	412.36
07/24/2024	19016	Baker & Taylor Books	Library Materials-Books-Adult/Juvenile/Teen	2,047.45
07/24/2024	19017	Cengage Learning	Library Materials-Books-Adult	51.98
07/24/2024	19018	Cornerstone Theatre Arts	Programs-Community Development	2,500.00
07/24/2024	19019	Demco, Inc.	Administrative Expenses-Library Supplies	877.33
07/24/2024	19020	Ebsco Subscription Services	Library Materials-Books-Serials	3,633.95
07/24/2024	19021	Irene Lu	Programs-Teen Programs	308.47
07/24/2024	19022	Joslyn Bowling Dixon	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services	1,500.00
07/24/2024	19023	Karen Golding	Programs-Teen / Adult Programs	155.40
07/24/2024	19024	Lara s Sibley	Administrative Expenses-Continuing Education	42.88
07/24/2024	19025	Norma Fives	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	644.47
07/24/2024	19026	RCLS General	Electronic Resources-IT Services/Reference Databases	18,331.24
07/24/2024	19027	Robert W. Schultz, CPA	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services-Accounting	675.00
07/24/2024	19028	SRI Fire Sprinkler LLC	Building-Building Services	759.00
07/24/2024	19029	SRS Inc.	Programs-Adult / Juvenile Programs	53.37
07/24/2024	19030	The Davey Tree Expert Company	Building-Building Services	262.00
07/24/2024	19031	J & G Law, LLP	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services-Legal	2,022.59
07/25/2024	19032	David F. Cole	Programs-Adult Programs	1,000.00
08/08/2024	19033	Payroll	Salaries & Wages	7,423.79
08/06/2024	19034	Cintas Corp	Building-Custodial Services	384.95
08/06/2024	19035	Frontier Communications-NY	Administrative Expenses-Telephone	148.82
08/06/2024	19036	Hoopla	Library Materials-E Content	1,344.90
08/06/2024	19037	Joslyn Bowling Dixon	Administrative Expenses-Professional Services	4,500.00
08/06/2024	19038	Knight Watch Security Systems	Building-Building Services	330.00
08/06/2024	19039	Norma Fives	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	644.47
08/06/2024	19040	Quill Corporation	Administrative Expenses-Library Supplies	33.17
08/06/2024	19041	The Davey Tree Expert Company	Building-Building Services	262.00
07/11/2024	ACH DR	IRS	Employee Benefits-FICA/Medicare/Federal Taxes	9,145.66
07/11/2024	ACH DR	New York State Tax Department	Employee Benefits-New York Taxes	1,475.83
07/11/2024	ACH DR	TIAA-CREF	Employee Benefits-403b withholding	1,108.84
07/11/2024	ACH DR	AFLAC New York	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	236.71
07/25/2024	ACH DR	IRS	Employee Benefits-FICA/Medicare/Federal Taxes	9,690.42
07/25/2024	ACH DR	New York State Tax Department	Employee Benefits-New York Taxes	1,643.83
07/25/2024	ACH DR	TIAA-CREF	Employee Benefits-403b withholding	220.00
07/25/2024	ACH DR	AFLAC New York	Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	236.71
07/09/2024	ACH DR	NEC Cloud Communications	Administrative Expenses-Telephone	522.61
07/31/2024	ACH DR	Orange & Rockland	Building-Utilities	4,573.16
			Total	95,247.17

## Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Ruth Mallard, Adult Services

Date: August 6 2024

Re: Adult Services Department July 2024 report

## REFERENCE

1075 patron questions were answered. Over 50% were reference and readers' advisory questions. 23% were help with the computers, printing and copier.

Everyone has been eagerly preparing for the ILS transition from Symphony to Koha. However, that does mean that in the coming weeks, it may take a tiny bit longer to assist patrons as we get used to it and develop new workflows.

## HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

The new year's contract with Cornerstone Theatre Arts started off with four performances of the Merry Wives of Windsor as the annual Shakespeare in the Park. The library launched a new Spice of the Month take and make program, where patron register to pick up a sample of an herb or spice and recipes to try at home. The first month's selection was lavender with recipes for a lavender lemonade and shortbread. We successfully partnered with Habitat for Humanity to host a stuff the truck event. Habitat for Humanity was very pleased with the turnout and would like to host another event in the future. The month finished out with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual craft supply swap. Many patrons donated supplies throughout the month and over 30 patrons came on the day to take bags of new-to-them supplies home.

## LOOKING AHEAD

August is starting off with a Bad Art Night, a low-pressure event where people are free to create and explore without the need to try and make something "good". The second Spice of the Month registration is open with kits available to pick up on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring Your Own Book Club is back for everyone to share what they have been reading over the summer. Summer Reading ends with a nostalgic pizza party for all qualifying readers, because who doesn't want to get rewarded for reading with pizza?

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Ann M. Roche, Clerk, Local History Room  
Date: July, 2024

Emails: 3  
Phone: 5  
Visitors: 15

Research – Family Genealogy, farms, obituaries, marriages, Battle of Minisink.  
Documents scanned for person doing research on surveys, maps, letters dating  
1700's. Awaiting payment of \$100.00

Microfilm research.

Cataloguing of artifacts and indexing of obituaries ongoing.

Journal update: 7 articles submitted and ready for publication.

Donations:

\$20.00

Genealogy of the Richardson family

Architectural plans for the Bowers farmhouse on Fort Hill Road plus album of photos.

“1900 Proceeding of the Board of Supervisors”

Ruttenbers “History of Orange County”

“Young Peoples Rally” Methodist Church

“Harrison’s Companion for the Toilet” pamphlet sold by a Goshen merchant.

Submitted by:

## Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Karen Golding, Head of Young Adult Services  
Date: August 1, 2024  
Re: Young Adult Department July 2024 report

Our Summer Reading program, Adventure Begins at Your Library, started on July 8, 2024 and will continue through August 9, 2024. We currently have 97 volunteers registered and helping with summer reading and 42 teens registered and completing activities in our Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge. Our volunteers are an integral part of our summer reading program and they have been helping with the program upstairs in children's services. They assist children in picking up their summer reading currency, choosing their prizes and they also assist our children's staff with programs. They gain valuable experience in working with people and are earning volunteer hours to complete requirements for various organizations.

We held a series of successful craft programs as well as a smoothie making program in July. We decorated a planter and a bird feeder, created nature journals and made a crystal suncatcher for our crafting series. These activities were well attended and the kids enjoyed decorating and creating their unique designs. We had a guest presenter come in to teach the kids how to make their own smoothies. During the program she taught them how to make 3 different smoothies; a berry smoothie, a peach smoothie and a strawberry banana smoothie. They were able to help with the preparation of the smoothies and taste them during the program. The strawberry banana smoothie seemed to be the favorite. Finally we held a VR program where the kids played Beat Saber on our Virtual Reality Headset.

We have also been busy preparing for our Battle of the Books competition in August. The competition, which will be held on August 25, will see our Goshen team compete against 13 other teams from throughout the RCLS system. Our team has been meeting weekly to brush up on our book knowledge, practice with the buzzer system and discuss the books in the competition. I am confident that our team members will be ready to go on August 25 and that they will have a great time at the event.

# July 2024 Stats

## **Memorandum**

To: Board of Trustees

From: Amber Kirkwood, Director of Youth Programming and Community Engagement

Re: Youth Services Monthly Report July 24

July officially rang in Summer Reading and the theme this year was “Adventure Begins at Your Library! We focused on jungle and nature motifs and centered most of our programming on celebrating journeys in life. Our Kick Off event, Adventure of the Lost Treasure, a STEM based science show was a huge success, the kids had fun learning about air pressure, changes in energy and chemical reactions. Our partnership with Orange and Rockland continued and we had highly educational programs on the importance of Birds, Bats and my personal favorite, our local tree species! Did you know that we have a Redwood Tree on our library property? So cool! As always, our weekly story times were a big hit with our patrons, with an array of fun stories and activities to go along with them. I personally loved Rosa’s “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” program, where she designed a track for kids to march through along with the story! Lynn had an Amazing Race Family Game program that was well attended and had lots of fun games to participate in. Overall, a great Summer so far!

224 non-program questions, 177 program-related questions, and 10 directional questions were answered.

## **Program Attendance:**

### **Natural Wonders : Mondays at 2PM**

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 16

July 15<sup>th</sup> – 14

July 29<sup>th</sup> - 6

### **Exploration Fun : Mondays at 4:30PM**

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 15

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 16

July 29<sup>th</sup> – 16

**Book Campers Storytime : Tuesdays at 10AM and 1PM**

July 9<sup>th</sup> – 10AM – 3

July 9<sup>th</sup> – 1PM – 8

July 16<sup>th</sup> – 10AM – 9

July 16<sup>th</sup> – 1PM – 6

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10AM – 5

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1PM – 10

July 30<sup>th</sup> – 10AM – 11

July 30<sup>th</sup> – 1PM - 5

**Little Library Travelers : Wednesdays at 10:30AM**

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 18

July 17<sup>th</sup> – 18

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**Adventure Readers : Thursdays at 10AM and 1PM**

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 7

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 11

July 25<sup>th</sup> 8

**Aventuras en Espanol : Thursdays at 4PM :**

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 6

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 7

July 25<sup>th</sup> - 4

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July 12 – 35

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**Future Plans and Ideas:**

Summer Reading is winding down as we have one more week of programming and finishing off with our End of Summer Reading Event with the NJ Snakeman and an Ice Capps Social. We are very proud of how the kids are doing thus far. We have 367 active readers ranging from grades K-6 and they've read a total of 235,217 pages! On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Kitty has a Get Ready for Kindergarten program and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> she has an Annual Back to School Party to get children excited for school to start back up in September. We are pushing along with our theme of Build Character at Your Library for Fall, leaning on centering our programs on favored personas from the past and present. Some examples of this would be Harry Potter, Dogman, Captain Underpants, Elephant and Piggie, Cat in the Hat, Curious George, etc. We hope that these programs would express to children that no matter your personality, you are an important person and to obviously KEEP READING!

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