

Director's Report

August 2023

We had three very successful summer reading programs.

- Reptiles by Sciencenter had 43 adults and 21 children in attendance
- Story Laurie had 12 kids and 8 adults in attendance
- Didgeridoo had 21 kids and 6 adults in attendance.

Prizes were handed out, the rain held off, and a good time was had by all. Some nice pictures were posted on FaceBook. Attendance is still a not as large as it was pre-Covid, but I feel we are on our way back to in-person programming. I like the way we are using both Page-Turner Adventures on-line and hiring in-person performers. The hybrid model seems to be working the best for our kids. We were able to get in a program at the park. I feel this helps promote a partnership between the library and our village government. The north pavilion at the park was beautiful. We had blue herons standing by us during the performance. It was a great reminder of what a nice place this is to raise a family.

Our next line-up will be four weeks of craft programs promoting museums. Jill Hand will be managing this Community Foundation Grant project. As soon as we firm up dates, we will advertise in the schools and around town. I will keep the board informed. I would also like to thank Jill Hand for setting up our story walks at the park. We never expected the weather to be so rough, that she has had to take down, and put back up again story walks all summer long. Between wind, lightening, microbursts ect., a one- and -done.... turned into several ones and dones. Thank you Jill Hand.

The library was represented at Frontenac park, in celebration the Village of Union Springs 175th year. It was also the 200th anniversary of the Town of Springport. We set up a table and passed out bookmarks and prizes. It was a lot of fun talking to people, promoting the library and being a part of this community event. I chatted with Sheriff Brian Schenck. He put in a request to do a reading program for the library. I also had a chance to chat with Kari Terwilliger about the business revitalization grant opportunities. This is a long- term commitment to a matching funds grant. We might be interested in approaching a flood abatement project.

The girl scouts are still working on our handicap ramp into the Book Shed. They have raised \$600.00 of a needed \$1,150.00. The scouts are still approaching local businesses. A request was made for the library to donate \$500.00 to their cause. I promised to bring the request to the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Piperno-Jones, director