

JUNE 2026 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- 1. Enhance Library Funding Streams**
- 2. Strengthen Outreach (Town of Gerry, CVCS, community groups)**
- 3. Catalogue and Digitize Local History Collection**
- 4. Staff and Volunteer Development**
- 5. Carry Out 25 Year Celebration of Library Building**
- 6. Identify Future Roles of the Library and Implement Changes**

Numbers are inserted to indicate when strategic plan goals have been targeted.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The library will be closed on Saturday, July 4th for Independence Day.

BEAUTIFICATION AND DISPLAYS

Decorating the library for the summer reading program includes a colorful entrance to the children's room and Digby the Dinosaur Hide-n-Seek game throughout the library. Planters at the front and back entrances of the building add to the welcoming atmosphere.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE

The parking lots and driveway are due to be sealed and striped this summer. This maintenance was last done in August, 2023. The sidewalk at the rear entrance has new cement.

Building plans for potential reconfiguration of the library's meeting space will be reviewed during a meeting at the library on Wednesday, June 24 at 1 PM. Director Hadley, Kevin Kochersberger and CCLS Director Jan Dekoff will attend this meeting. Any trustees who are available are also invited to participate.

CCLS

CCLS has opened the 2026 Intent to Apply process required to apply for NYS Library Construction Aid. We were given a reminder that detailed project quotes are required. Documents, deadlines, and other construction related information is available on the CCLS Construction Grant webpage: <https://cclsny.org/construction-grant/>.

FUNDRAISING 1

The library participated in the Give Big CHQ fundraising event and raised a little over \$1,800 (\$1,500 last year). Thank you to those trustees who made donations to this online fundraiser. We qualified for a portion of the stretch pool: \$161.23 included in the total above. Library Clerk Kristie and Trustee Erin worked together to make this fund drive a success. **1**

There will be a small book sale set up inside the library during our open hours on Saturday, July 11 to coincide with the Sinclairville Village-Wide Yard Sale. **1**

GRANTS 1

\$500.00 was requested from CCLS through a Summer Reading Program mini-grant application, which was prepared by Library Assistant Huling. **1**

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Community Impact Grant opportunity with deadline of August 3 is available to apply for funding for the desired combination computer desk/playpen for our caregiver patrons. **1**

MEMORIALS

Memorial donations to honor Fred Obert and Larry Barmore were received from Bill and Roz Newton.

OUTREACH 2

The Library Director delivers library materials to residents at The Homestead in Gerry and conducts monthly book club and life story writing programs there. **2**

Assistant Huling will conduct outreach throughout the community as part of the “Mobile Summer Reading Program” with weekly visits to the Little Seeds Preschool Program’s 8-1-1 class on Mondays and field trips to the library by two other Little Seeds classes on Wednesdays, and Summer Recreation Programs in both Sinclairville and Gerry on Friday mornings. Story Walks have been installed at both the Sinclairville and Gerry Town Parks as another way to reach out to these communities. **2**

Outreach to CVCS this month included a visit on June 12 by a Pre-K class and the entire 3rd grade visiting the library on June 17. **2**

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The library’s Building and Conference Room Use policy is due to be reviewed and re-approved.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 4

Director Hadley is the recipient of a Circle Scholarship for teachers and librarians through the Alumni Association of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle at Chautauqua Institution. With this award, she will attend writing class at Chautauqua July 27-July 31 and share what is learned with participants in writing programs at the library.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The library events calendar is available on the library's website at www.sinclairvillelibrary.org with paper copies available at the front desk.

Highlights:

7/6: 5 to 7 PM Paleontologist Training (family program)

7/13: 5 PM The Street Beneath my Feet presented by 4H Cornell Cooperative Extension (family program)

7/13: 6 PM Unearth Your Talent: Music with Susan & Rico

7/16: 6 PM Unearth Your Story: Life Story Writing (ages 14 and up)

7/20: 5 to 7 PM Poetry Reading in memory of John Brantingham

7/27: 5 to 7 PM Unearth Your Talent: Flower Pounding & Embroidery with Brenda Nickerson (Registration required at a cost of \$10 person)

Book Club Selections:

Books Unlimited will meet at the library on Monday, July 20 at 7 PM to discuss The Queens of Crime by Marie Benedict.

Virtual Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 23 at 6 PM to discuss The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood. This program will not meet in August.

Book Club at the Homestead in Gerry will meet in the Bergquist building to discuss Half Broke Horses by Jeanette Walls on Friday, July 17 at 3 PM. **2**

CLSC Book Club will meet at 3 Lakes Café in Cassadaga at 9 AM on Saturday, July 11 to discuss My Friends by Fredrik Backman. Trustee Erin Gray will facilitate this discussion. The author will be at Chautauqua Institution on Friday, July 31 at 10:45 AM for a CLSC Author Presentation in the Amphitheater.

Program Updates:

Baby Talk Schedule: Note that the meeting time has been changed for the summer. For the months of July and August, Baby Talk will be held from 11:30 AM to noon on Wednesdays. July theme: “Dinosaur, Dinosaur: I Can Learn: Colors.” This change in the schedule makes space for field trips to the library by the Little Seeds Preschool. Story Hour will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 1 PM with a focus on the summer reading theme.

Summer Reading Program: Registration for this year’s program, “Unearth a Story,” is now open. The program is for all ages and runs from June 1st through August 31st. Details are available on the library website. Please help spread the word and register for the program. Participation is easy. Just register and keep a log of your reading to hand in after the program ends on August 31st. Regularly scheduled programs for adults will continue throughout the summer as part of the program, along with regularly scheduled children’s programs and special events as detailed in our calendar.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY

“Unearth Your Story” Life Story Writing program and other library programs and events were publicized in local newspapers and on Facebook.

On Saturday after the third-grade school field trip, a girl brought her mother back to the library to check out a book and sign up for the summer reading program. Her mom also registered for a library card and signed up to participate in the adult summer reading program.

Information about the library’s Summer Reading Program: “Unearth a Story” was published in the Village of Sinclairville’s newsletter and calendar of events for 2026. Also mentioned was the Library’s Story Walk that will have been installed in the village park and will be maintained by Library Assistant Huling.

Community usage of the library’s meeting space now includes a literacy volunteer meeting with her students.

Out of town visitors stopped by the library to return their Story Walk cards after enjoying the library’s story walk installation at the village park

REQUESTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Library Assistant Huling has contacted Better World Books to learn about their program that accepts library discards. This would help us clear away the accumulation of books leftover from book sales.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

A volunteer and staff meeting was held on June 4 to discuss Summer Reading Program plans and the GiveBigCHQ fundraiser. 4

Director Hadley will be on vacation July 27-July 31 to attend writing class at Chautauqua as part of the scholarship she received from the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle Alumni. 4

A calendar of the days and times staff and volunteers are scheduled to work at the library is posted in the office. Jessica Huling will be on vacation August 17-19. 4

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS SUMMARY:

1. **Enhance Library Funding Streams:** Give Big CHQ, CCLS mini-grant for Summer Reading Program, CRCF Community Impact Grant application in process.
2. **Strengthen Outreach (Town of Gerry, CVCS, community groups):**

Summer Reading Program will be provided to youths participating in the Village of Sinclairville Summer Recreation Program, Town of Gerry Summer Recreation Program and Little Seeds Preschool Program. Outreach to residents of The Homestead in Gerry will continue throughout the summer.

3. **Staff and Volunteer Development:** Director Hadley will learn skills to enhance the library's writing programs as she attends classes at Chautauqua. Assistant Huling received training on book repair techniques on June 1.