

JULY 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

Library Assistant Huling will represent Director Hadley at the August board meeting.

BEAUTIFICATION AND DISPLAYS

Trustee Emmott provided plants for both library entrances.

BUILDING, GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE

The parking lot was sealed and striped by J & D Driveway Sealing on July 12 at an expense of \$1,100.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received Account Statement from Victory Funds showing a total market value of investments at June 30, 2026 of \$19,455.50 (\$17,124.76 6/30/25) (\$15,735.98 6/28/24) (\$ 13,756.58 6/30/23).

Received Fund Statement from the Sinclairville Free Library Endowment at Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation for the period January 1 through June 30, 202 showing a balance of \$36,930.90 (balance at 6/30/2025 of \$31,322.39). The amount available to spend at this time is \$2,797.67.

Assistant Huling received a thank you from the Pre-K Team led by Jessica Emmott: "Thank you for being a wonderful part of our district's Pre-K program. I

appreciate how you prepare the children in Story Hour for school and then extend the love of books to them during Pre-K. You are amazing!”

DONATIONS

Received \$50 donation from the T.O.P.S. group that uses the library’s community room for weekly meetings.

FUNDRAISING

The library’s book sale is scheduled for October 8-10, with set up scheduled for 11 AM- 2 PM on Wednesday, October 7. This will be our last big book sale. A bake sale will be held during the same time. Donations of baked goods and gently used books are requested. Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale. **1**

Fundraising during the History Fair on September 12th includes: Painted rock creations by volunteer Cathy Obert will be on sale at the library’s booth in the commons. A chicken BBQ will be held in partnership with the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department. **1**

GRANTS 1

Kevin Kochersberger prepared and we submitted an Intent to Apply for NYS Library Construction Aid. CCLS Director Dekoff came and took pictures to support our application.

\$500 was received as a result of our summer reading program grant application to CCLS. The Southern Chautauqua Community Foundation made these grant funds available.

MEMORIALS

A donation in memory of Bessie Kibbe was made by Donna Kibbe Sewell as part of the GiveBigCHQ fundraiser. A donation in memory of Fred Obert was made by Dennis and Sharon Franze.

OUTREACH 2

Outreach to Gerry includes bi-monthly programming (book club and life story writing) for residents of the Heritage Village retirement campus with pick-up/delivery of library materials. **2**

Children enrolled in the Little Seeds program and the Village of Sinclairville and Town of Charlotte and Town of Gerry recreation programs are participating in the library's "mobile" summer reading program, which is brought to them by Library Assistant Jessica Huling. 2

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Library Clerk Lawler attended a webinar presented by the NYS Library: The Path to Belonging: Social Media and Marketing on June 30.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Library Calendar:

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

Highlights:

Summer Reading logs must be returned no later than September 9.

Special Programs:

Unearth a LEGO Creation: Saturday, August 1 and Saturday, August 22 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. (Build & Take)

Paleontologist Training Night: Monday, August 3 from 5 to 7 PM

Flower Pounding & Embroidery: Monday, August 10 from 5 to 7 PM. Brenda Nickerson leads this class. \$10 fee.

Fun with Flowers: Wednesday, August 13 from 6 to 7 PM. Trustee Erin Gray leads this program. Flower arranging and community building program. Participants will create small bouquets that will be taken to Heritage Village for the residents. Flowers will be provided, but feel free to bring extras from your garden.

Unearth Your Story: Life Story Writing: Thursday, August 20 from 6 to 7 PM. Director Hadley leads this hybrid program.

Unearth a Story: She Sells Seashells: Monday, August 24 from 5 to 6 PM. Did you know that the famous tongue twister is based on a real story? Come learn

about the true story of Mary Anning, the first female paleontologist. Story, self-guided craft, tongue twister competition, and a seashell to take home. Trustee Erin Gray leads this program.

Summer Reading Program Finale: The Last Stomp & Final Jr. Paleontologist Training on Monday, August 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Join us to celebrate the conclusion of this year's program, enjoy special activities, and turn in your reading logs.

HISTORY FAIR: Saturday, September 12th. Children may march with the library float in the parade. Line-up begins at 9 AM at the Sinclairville Elementary School and steps off at 10 AM. The Erie Traveling Zoo Outreach program will be from 11 AM to 1 PM. Face Painting will also be available at the library 11 AM to 1 PM. Local Author Meet-and-Greet from 1 to 3 PM with many local authors available with books to purchase.

Book Club Selections:

Books Unlimited will meet at 7 PM on Monday, August 17th to discuss Sister's Choice by Emilie Richards. The online book club will not meet in August.

The Book Club at the Homestead in Gerry will be held on August 21 at 3:00 PM. The book to be discussed is Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand. Life Story writing at the Homestead will be held on August 7 at 3:00 PM. . 2

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. August theme: "Dinosaur, Dinosaur: I Can Learn: Numbers & Shapes." There will be no Baby Talk program on August 19th. 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 the following Wednesdays at 1 PM:

8/5 Jr. Paleontologist Training (Design a Dino Egg)

8/12 Letter Week: P is for Pig

8/19 NO MEETING

8/26 Jr. Paleontologist Training (Dino Poop Detective & Volcano Eruption)

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY

Library Director Hadley will speak at the CLSC Gala on August 6 and share about the impact of her four-year scholarship and how it has impacted herself as well as our library.

The library has renewed annual partnership with Chautauqua Opportunities for their Safe House initiative.

Library programs and summer reading program events were publicized in local newspapers and on Facebook.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

A calendar of the days and times staff and volunteers are scheduled to work at the library is posted in the office. 4

Volunteers receive regular notices about changes to procedures, such as upgrades to the KOHA automated circulation system, directions for packing delivery bags, and any changes to shelving location when books are re-arranged. 4