



OWWL SYSTEM NEWS

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BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AT GENEVA LIBRARY



The rest of the roof was replaced and the waterproofing is almost completed in the Community Room.
-Nicole Pilet

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AT NAPLES LIBRARY

In October we held our first (soon to be) annual Community Harvest Festival. Ally and Mora, our program coordinators, worked together to plan this all ages, all day event. Mora and Ally felt so inspired by another annual town-wide event that they wanted to start having those kinds of community oriented gatherings more than once a year. It was a wild success! We had arts, crafts, a mini petting zoo, a horse drawn carriage, donuts, a community soup competition and more. All in all, we had about 150 people attend. Our community and Friends group generously contributed funding (and time!) to make this event happen.
-Kendyl Litwiller-Sutherby



Naples Community Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 28th
at the Memorial Town Hall
All Ages! All Free!

- Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Bonfire!
- Sip on a hot beverage and snack on a donut
- Decorate pumpkins!
- Make a flower crown or decorate a bandana
- Old Time music jam
- Halloween costumes encouraged!
- Chickens & rabbits
- Spooky Storytime
- Fall themed games
- Participate in the Soup Competition
- Bring a dish to pass for the potluck!

GROUND BREAKING AT WOOD LIBRARY

No rain storm was going to stop us from gathering with so many library supporters this morning to mark the groundbreaking for The Reading Garden at Wood Library. The overwhelming support for this project by the community has been in a word -- wonderful! This exciting project is now officially underway and we look forward to watching our garden grow over the coming months! A special thank you to the Reading Garden Campaign Committee members who have championed this project from Day 1: Maggie and Neil Atkins, Steve Gleason, Sue O'Connor, Laurie Riedman, and Andy Thomas, along with support from library staff members Jenny Goodemote and Maria Bucci. Also, we are grateful for NYS Senator Pam Helming and NYS Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan for faithfully supporting state aid programs that help to fund library construction projects across their districts. The same goes for the administrative support from OWWL who make projects like this possible. And, we look forward to co-hosting many programs in the garden with community partners like the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, Ganondagan Historic Site, and the Finger Lakes Beekeepers Association. Finally, we are thankful for every single donor whose generous financial support is making this project possible. We know many gifts were made to honor loved ones and dear friends and that makes this garden an extra special place. We plan to cultivate this garden with care.

-Jenny Goodemote



RIBBON CUTTING AT AVON FREE LIBRARY

We held our ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated front yard & entrance on Saturday, September 23rd! During the event we also received a surprise \$500 donation from the Avon Rotary to put towards our new book drop and presented former trustee Paul Drozdziel with the Ludlum-Holroyd Service Award on behalf of the Livingston County Library Advisory Council.

-Grace Frenzel



GRANT AWARD AT MACEDON LIBRARY

We have been awarded a grant from NASA to collaborate with the school to have children be "Citizen Scientists" on April 8, 2024. We are currently working with the teacher who oversees science curriculum to plan STEAM activities leading up to eclipse day and to figure out how to get families involved with this terrific scientific opportunity!

-Stacey Wicksall

PROGRAMMING AT GENEVA LIBRARY

September began with lots of youth programs for all ages. We are excited to offer Girls Who Code to both elementary and middle school young people. Messy Story Hour continues to be one of our most popular programs with the Monday session continually filled to capacity. Our Teen Ghost Hunt was well attended and we were delighted to be able to bring back such a popular program. Our reference and technology librarian has been busy with a lot of one-on-one appointments and has been able to assist a number of people with genealogy research along with technology assistance.

-Nicole Pilet



COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING AT MACEDON LIBRARY

The Macedon Public Library is working with Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County to offer a fun event for families to enjoy. With the help of sponsorships from ALPCO Recycling and the Friends of Macedon Public Library, the library will offer a fun-filled evening of jack-o'-lantern sightings. Up to 50 pumpkins displayed with flickering candle lights will be displayed throughout the library. The pumpkins will be carved by local businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals. Each is guaranteed to be a unique display of creativity and imagination! All community members wishing to carve a pumpkin will be able to pick one up at the Macedon Public Library beginning on October 4. Pumpkins will be available for pickup while supplies last. On the day of the event, Friday, October 20, participants can choose to vote for their favorite jack-o'-lanterns by placing a dollar in the jar of any they really like. Voting is not required, however, voting will help to raise funds for the important programs Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County provides daily for children, teenagers and adults.

In addition to admiring pumpkins, children twelve years of age and under will have an opportunity to listen to a Halloween-themed story read aloud and to receive a trick or treat bag. Children, teens and adults are welcome to wear costumes to the event; however, wearing a costume is optional. In addition to viewing pumpkins, there are new activities planned this year including: watching a pie eating contest, trunk-or-treating organized by Creative Environment Daycare and the Town of Macedon (this will be weather permitting), fall-themed activity stations within the library set up by Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America and 4-H. As in previous years, there will be family friendly musical entertainment to accompany the festivities and it will be provided by Farmer Tom.

-Stacey Wicksall



 Call 315-986-5932 to reserve a pumpkin to carve (while supplies last). Pumpkins arrive on Wed., October 4.

A PUMPKIN WALK IN SUPPORT OF LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF WAYNE COUNTY

Where the Jack-o'-Lanterns Are & More!

JOIN US TO VIEW 50 CARVED JACK-O'-LANTERNS DESIGNED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES. EACH PUMPKIN WILL HAVE A BOX. VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE(S) BY PLACING A DOLLAR IN THE BOX. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF WAYNE COUNTY.

Additional Activities to Enjoy:

- CHILDREN UNDER 12 RECEIVE A HALLOWEEN TREAT (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)!
- FAMILY FRIENDLY MUSIC CONCERT
- TRUNK OR TREATING (WEATHER PERMITTING)
- PIE EATING CONTEST!
- ACTIVITY STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE LIBRARY

COME AS YOU ARE OR WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th | 5-6:30 PM
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NO FEE TO ATTEND; ALL ARE WELCOME!

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