



OWWL SYSTEM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUMMER READING WRAP UPS

AT WILLIAMSON LIBRARY

The Williamson Public Library had a highly successful Summer Reading program returning to pre-pandemic numbers..

-Kimberly Iraci



AT NAPLES LIBRARY

We had an excellent response to our Summer Library Program this year! We had over 120 kids/teens/adults sign up and about 700 people participate in library programming throughout the summer. It was great to see so many people visiting us, reading and utilizing the resources we have to offer.

-Kendyl Litwiller-Sutherby



SUMMER READING WRAP UPS CONT'D

AT WADSWORTH LIBRARY

It was a very busy successful summer at Wadsworth Library. There were 39 children's programs and 13 adult programs held this summer. A total of 1,226 people were in attendance at the children's programs and 167 at adult/intergenerational programs. There were 191 children, 13 teens, and 17 adults who registered for the library's summer reading program.

-Brandy Finocchario



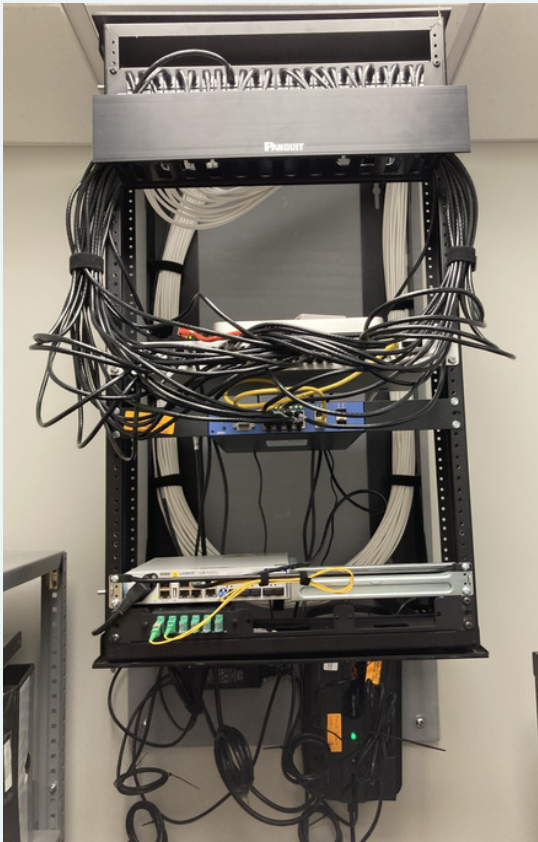
GRANT AWARDS

AT WILLIAMSON LIBRARY

We were awarded a \$6,000 grant by PLA/AT&T to provide digital literacy training this fall for the Williamson Community. The grant pairs well with the library's State Aid for Library Construction project, upgrading our network wiring and moving the Library's equipment, racks, and fiber access from the Town side of the Complex to a secure area in the library in August. The project also enabled the Williamson Public Library to add a network access point for a Traf-Sys People Counter. The counter and its paired software will generate daily reports providing analysis of library use day by day and also by hour to assist with staff scheduling.

Many thanks to OWWL Library System for coordinating the State Aid for Library Construction project and for the oversight by Suzanne Macaulay, Bob Wicksall, and William Gorczyca from System.

-Kimberly Iraci



AT WADSWORTH LIBRARY

Thanks to a grant the library received from the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts, artists Kim Binaghi Lee and Lisa Robinson were each able to teach several art classes this summer and will offer more in the fall. Kim uses mixed media arts in her classes including acrylic paint, colored pencils, natural objects, and watercolor. Lisa uses watercolor as a medium in her art classes.

-Brandy Finocchario



A FIRST FOR OWWL SYSTEM AT WALWORTH-SEELY LIBRARY

After our board and volunteers successfully collected over 440 petition signatures, we officially were approved by the Wayne County Board of Elections place a Chapter 414 Funding Referendum on the November ballot! This change will allow voters to have a direct say in library funding, rather than receiving an allocation determined solely by the town board, as we have in the past. We are hopeful that this will stabilize our funding by protecting us from budget cuts and allowing our community to decide our funding increases over time. This will be the first attempt to establish a Chapter 414 Referendum by any library in the OWWL System.

-Anne Brown

FURRY FRIENDS AT MARION LIBRARY

We hosted an Animal Helper storytime with guests from a vet clinic and rescue organization, and also a special therapy dog named Halo. The guests read stories, talked about Halo and brought a stethoscope so that our young attendees could listen to the dog's heart and compare it with their own heartbeat.

-Tracy Whitney

